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Letter from the President



It's been a year of opportunities and traditions. Opportunities to promote our university, its students, faculty and staff. Each opportunity further highlights the distinctive character of Mansfield University.

Our Concert Choir won three gold medals at the 2014 World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia this past summer. The international choral competition attracts thousands of singers in over 500 choirs from around the world.

Fourteen students, led by two professors, travelled to Belize to conduct Field Research for a course in Belize politics. It was the first time out of the U.S. for many students and a life-changing experience for most. "Being able to study in a developing country, eating local food, and talking to locals was one of the greatest experiences I've had in my life," student Kelsey Woodman said.

Mansfield University hosted the second annual LUMA (Light Up Mansfield Again) event in September. This new tradition again drew huge crowds and the Sprint football game was televised live on ESPN3. Later in the month we combined two traditions, Homecoming with the Fabulous 1890 Weekend for the first time. The largest parade anyone could remember set the stage for the day and culminated with fireworks following the reenactment of the world's first night football game played in September 1892.

To see the campus of today, we recently released a virtual tour. Produced in house, it has reached nearly 115,000 viewers on Facebook alone. To take the tour, please go to our home page or type mansfield.edu/maps-tours. Please watch the video, share it with family and friends, and most importantly, find an opportunity to come home for a visit.

A weekly one minute news program, *MU 60* was introduced last semester and has been a resounding success with students and alumni. *MU 60* is produced by students in the Department of Communication with support from Stu Weiss '80. All episodes are available at youtube.com

Two other new traditions took hold in the fall semester and involve coins. The first was the President's Coin for Excellence. It is awarded to individuals for extraordinary contributions to the university. A full explanation of the coin's symbols as well as a Gallery of Honorees is available on line at president.mansfield.edu/coin-for-excellence.

At the 150th Commencement in December, the Graduation Coin was unveiled. All graduates received a coin embossed with their class year. Designed by Graphic Arts major Yukta Sagar '14, the coin is sponsored by The Student Government Association. Coins commemorating graduation will be given to graduates at each future commencement. Plans to make graduation coins (with your respective year of graduation) available for all Mansfield Alums are in progress. More information to follow.

In line with our vision to be The Premier Public Liberal Arts University in Pennsylvania, on January 23, 2015, the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) admitted Mansfield University as its 29th member. COPLAC promotes awareness of high-quality, public liberal arts education in a student-centered, residential environment. Membership is selective. In fact, it only allows one campus per state in its membership. Mansfield University is Pennsylvania's representative.

Message from the MU Alumni Association

In announcing the COPLAC board's unanimous vote to admit MU, COPLAC Director Dr. Bill Spellman said, "Board members commended Mansfield for its strong liberal arts core curriculum and its student-centered faculty."

Seeking admission to COPLAC was proposed many years ago by Dr. Robert Timko, professor of philosophy and a strong advocate for the liberal arts. Dr. Michael Renner, provost, 2005-2008, began work on it. Provost Peter Keller continued the work right up to his retirement in 2014 to make sure our campus could meet the qualifications to apply to this prestigious national organization.

The capstone to the long process was a visit by COPLAC representatives to the campus last September. They were so impressed with the faculty, staff and students that they invited thirteen of our students to make presentations at the COPLAC Fall 2014 Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Conference at Keene State College, NH.

Through seizing these opportunities and creating new traditions, it has been our sole intent to promote the excellence of our University — past, present and future!

Best wishes,

Fran Hendricks '79

Brigadier General, USAF (Retired)
President Mansfield University



Greetings Fellow Alumni,

As the current President of the Mansfield University Alumni Association Board of Directors, it is my honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to write this article. As many of you know, Denise Berg, former Director of Alumni Relations has taken a position at Millersville University. As Mansfield

University is still in the process of hiring a new Director of Alumni Affairs, I would like to take this opportunity to address all of my fellow alums!

The primary goal of the Mansfield University Alumni Association is to remain connected to the graduates of our institution. It is easy to "Get Connected and Stay Connected" to the Alumni Association. You can visit alumni.mansfield.edu and select "Sign Up" to get email updates and information about Alumni events and volunteer opportunities, as well as University news and updates.

If you are a graduate who has not been back to MU recently, **Alumni Weekend 2015 (June 12 and 13)**, is a great time to visit the campus and see all of the wonderful changes that have taken place since you were last here. We will be celebrating all classes with years ending in 5 and 0. At Saturday's reunion luncheon, our special guests will include the Class of 1965, celebrating their golden anniversary, as well as retired faculty and administrators and our Society of Honors recipients. We are always looking for deserving alums - if you know a worthy alum that you believe meets the criteria for one of our Society of Honors awards categories, please consider submitting a nomination by visiting alumni.mansfield.edu/SOH. You can also view past recipients on this website!

We are very excited to announce the launch of the **new Alumni House website**. With this new online reservation system, it is fast and easy to reserve a room at the new Alumni House. If you haven't seen the new house, it is a beautiful and cozy place to stay when you visit our fantastic University. For more information visit alumnihouse.mansfield.edu.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Alumni Weekend. I love to hear the stories and to reminisce with other alums. I cannot express how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as your Mansfield University Alumni Association Board of Directors President. In the words of my predecessor, John Quashnoc '70, "Once a Mountie, Always a Mountie!"

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Howe '04

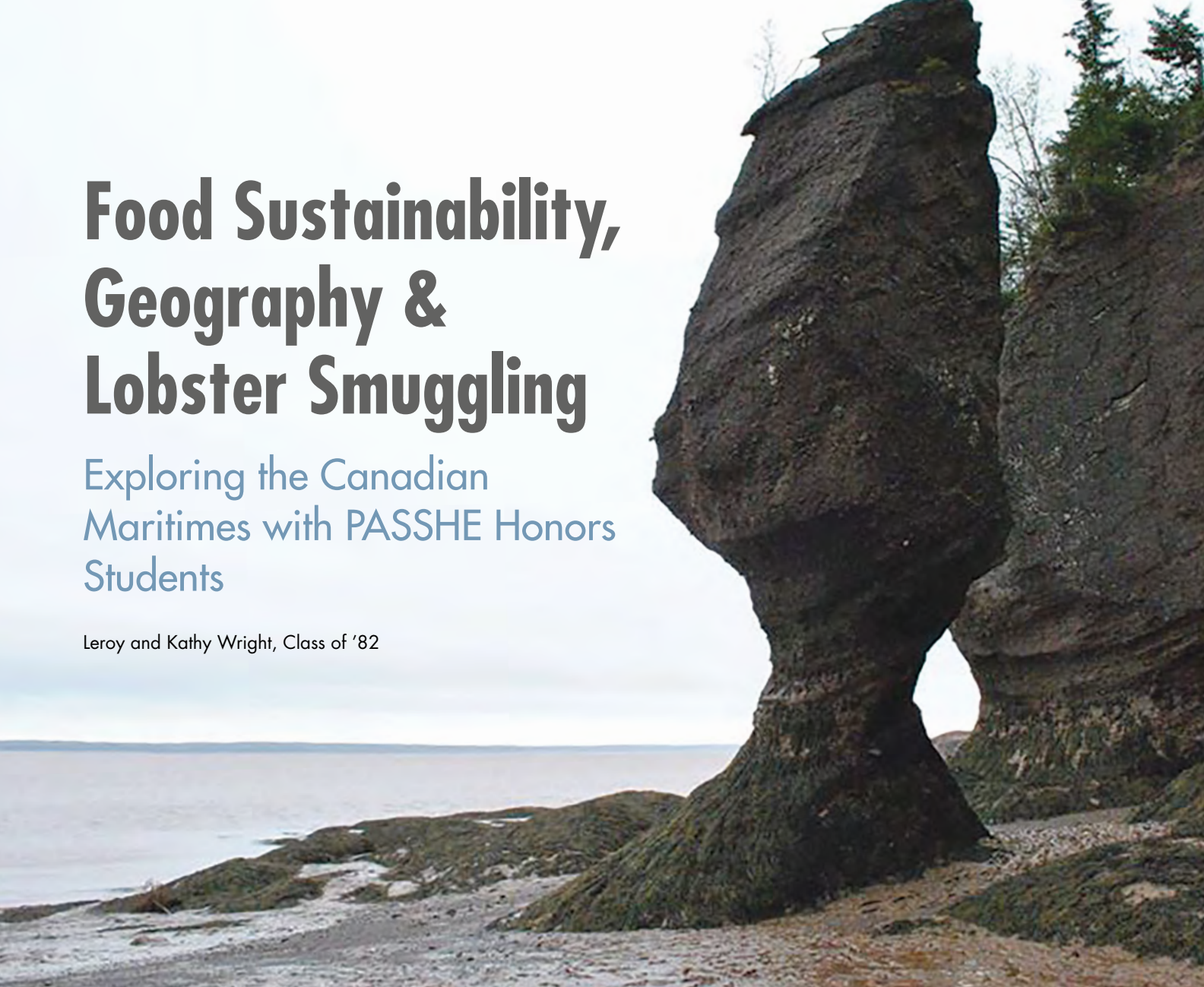
Alumni Board President



Food Sustainability, Geography & Lobster Smuggling

Exploring the Canadian Maritimes with PASSHE Honors Students

Leroy and Kathy Wright, Class of '82



Mansfield University had the honor of serving as host for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Honors Summer Abroad experience in the summer of 2014. Twenty-eight Honors program students from the fourteen PASSHE universities, including Mansfield University students Jake Kelly and Tracey LaFrance, enjoyed a two week travel experience in the Canadian Maritime regions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Dr. Lee Wright, a Communication professor and who served as Mansfield University's Honors program director, coordinated the trip. He was joined by two other Mansfield University professors, Dr. Russ Dodson from Geography and Geology and Dr. Kathy Wright, director of the Nutrition Program. Dr. Dodson offered a course on the unique characteristics of the geography and geology of the Maritime region. Dr. Kathy Wright's course focused on food sustainability in the Canadian Maritimes.

The students began their orientation experience at Mansfield University before departing on a regionally operated tour bus. The students got to know one another while preparing two evening meals. In one instance the students prepared a meal utilizing a seaweed product provided by Acadian Seaplants - a business that the students would eventually visit in New Brunswick during the trip. Dr. Dodson also took the students on a visit to the Tioga Hammond Dam to learn about that feature as well as the flood of 1972.

Following the on-campus orientation the students and faculty began their journey on Friday, May 23rd. After crossing the border the next day, the travelers stayed at the University of St. John – New Brunswick and made multiple day trips to several sites in the region. The students had the opportunity to view the river flow action of Reversing Falls in St. John, New Brunswick where a tide change results in the flow of water to visibly reverse against the prevailing current.

In St. Martins, New Brunswick the students had the opportunity to walk to caves along the shore during low tide. One of the more memorable adventures took place during the St. Martins visit when a small number of students instead of walking to a nearby ice cream shop instead chose to purchase a live lobster for a later snack and secretly brought it aboard the bus to take back to the residence hall kitchen.

The gang of 'smugglers' was caught enjoying their feast in the kitchen but everyone had a good laugh.

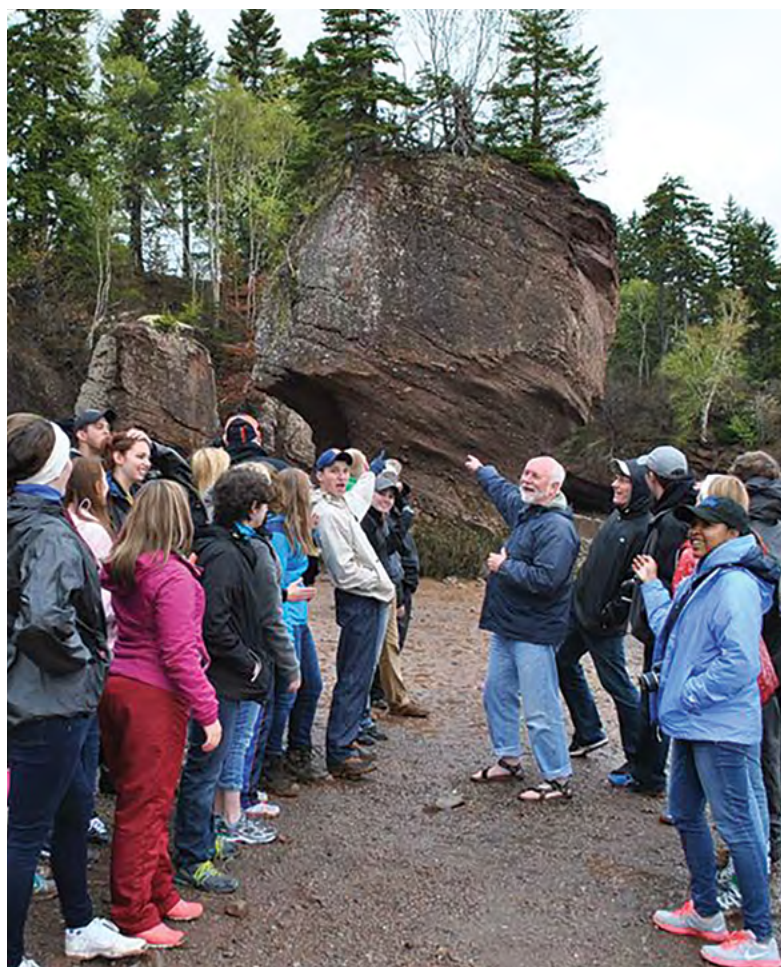
One of the highlights of the entire experience for all the travelers took place at last stop while in New Brunswick. Hopewell Rocks is location where the Bay of Fundy tides rise and fall a world record forty vertical feet. During low tide Dr. Dodson was able to also show everyone the unique flower-pot rocks which are large geologic formations rising from the sea floor that are carved by the ocean tides. Some of the rocks are so tall that trees grow on the tops of the pots.

The next destination was Dalhousie University located in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The students spent four days in this region sailing, visiting museums and touring farms and Farmer's Markets such as one located in Mahone Bay. Although the Mahone Bay Farmer's Market is a relatively small one, the students sampled food products they had never seen before, including dandelion jelly. It was here that the students had their first exposure to the challenges of food sustainability. Peter Darnell, owner of a regional mussel farming business devastated by an invasive species called the tunicate, spoke to the students about the challenges of living from the sea. Nearby, the students toured a farm raising a fruit bearing plant called the Haskap, which is well known in Japan, but fairly new to North America.

Near Mahone Bay is the picturesque town of Lunenburg, one of the best known ship building communities in the world and home to the famous Bluenose schooner, the ship seen on the reverse side of the Canadian dime. Here the students sailed together on a 42 ft. ketch and toured the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

Back in Halifax the students toured the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic where they learned that the city was nearly wiped out by the largest man-made explosion to occur prior to World War II. In 1917, a munitions ship collided with another cargo ship in Halifax Harbor resulting in an explosion that killed two thousand people. The museum also has an extensive display on the Titanic sinking. Halifax serves as the final resting place for more than one hundred victims of the sinking of the ship.

On the last full day in Halifax the students went to the largest farmer's market in Nova Scotia, the Halifax Seaport Market. Here the students found locally sourced items for a meal they prepared later in the day. The group prepared a meal at the test kitchens of the Food Science program at Dalhousie University. While at the test kitchen Professor Allan Paulson, a Food Science instructor and brew master, entertained and educated the students with a wine tasting experience.



Dr. Dodson describing tides at Hopewell Cape

The next Day, Friday May 30th, the group arrived in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, the home of St. Francis Xavier University. Edwin Demont, Biology Professor, met the students for lunch at the university's dining facility and then escorted everyone to a nearby harbor marina where the group met the crew of a lobster fishing boat and sailed to the lobster fishing grounds off the coast. There the students had the opportunity to assist in hauling aboard lobster traps that had been placed previously. The lobster fishing experience was one of the highpoints of the entire trip. Later that evening everyone enjoyed a lobster feast at a local pub.

The following day Professor Demont accompanied the students and faculty to a salmon restoration facility on the St. Mary's river near Sherbrooke, NS. There, the students learned more about how over fishing had decimated the local salmon and how the St. Mary's River Association was working to restore salmon stocks. In the afternoon the students took a trip back in time to the 19th Century at Sherbrooke Village, a reenactment site showcasing life in rural Nova Scotia in the 1860's. The students toured various buildings and learned about how such a small community was self-sustaining with its own blacksmith shop, lumber mill and other features. That evening the students dined at a pub-restaurant that specialized in local sustainable foods. Afterward they enjoyed a ceilidh (folk music and dancing).

The next day the bus departed for the northern most point of Nova Scotia – Cape Breton Island and home to Cape Breton University. Before arriving at the university the group visited the Alexander Graham Bell Museum located in Baddeck. The students learned that although Bell gained much of his notoriety from his development of the telephone he also pioneered work on hydrofoil boats, airplanes and other electronic forms of communication.

The group's first full day in Cape Breton was an extraordinarily busy one. In the morning the group traveled to Louisbourg, NS to travel back in time again to the mid 1700's at the Fortress of Louisbourg. At this restored French Fort the students had the opportunity to learn about the harsh life experienced by the soldiers who defended the fortress. The group witnessed a rifle loading and firing demonstration and toured many of the buildings on the site.



Students looking out to the ocean at Cape Breton



The lobster fishing experience was one of the highpoints of the entire trip

After a lunch at a restaurant that opened early in the season exclusively to accommodate them, the group traveled to Glace Bay and toured a coal mine at the Cape Breton Miners museum. The students took an extensive tour of the mine much of which is hundreds of feet directly below the ocean above. At the farthest point on the mine tour the ceiling was less than four feet high which made for a challenging experience.

That evening, June 2nd the group enjoyed our cultural highlight of the trip – a special dinner prepared for the group by a First Nations group known as the Mikmaq. Prior to the dinner the group experienced a fascinating ceremony called a smudge led by the regional Mikmaq elder, Stephen Augustine. A smudge ceremony utilizes smoke wafted around the body of a participant that is meant to purify the body and clear the mind. Everyone then enjoyed a feast the likes of which no one had experienced before. The meal consisted of moose meat prepared in various ways. It also included eel, fiddleheads and other regional and traditional foods.

The next day the group started their two and a half day journey back to Mansfield University. On their last full day in the Maritimes, they stopped in Moncton, New Brunswick. Here at the Petitcodiac River they witnessed a tidal bore, an event caused by the Bay of Fundy Tides. When the tides change, a single wave rolls back upstream.

The next day included crossing back into the US and the following day the group arrived back on campus. After arriving at the Mansfield University campus everyone went their separate ways, but filled with memories of experiences and new friendships that will last for years. **M**



Trip to Acadian Seaplants in New Brunswick

New Student Welcome

by Andee Dunham

Each year the office of Student Life and Student Transition executes a New Student Welcome program which is held the 4 days leading up to the start of the fall semester. It is an opportunity for each student to make connections and build relationships on campus with fellow classmates, faculty, staff and administration. Some of the programming implemented at New Student Welcome includes: move-in, a welcome ceremony, introduction to school spirit, educational and social programming, convocation, resident and commuter connections, transitional and social integration, community fair, etc.

This integration promotes: retention; social and intellectual bonds among students as well as the campus community; student involvement; sharing of traditions, resources, opportunities and expectations; equal combination of academic and social integration; and student confidence about their ability to be successful and get started. Overall, New Student Welcome sets the tone for the college experience, establishes comfort level, and reduces new student anxiety. Our students have commented:

"I really enjoyed the activities that were provided, it showed that Mansfield University really cares about our futures and our transitioning into college!"

"I like that it all got other people engaged in activities. This was my first time away from home by myself and even just after the first couple days I felt like coming to college for the first time would be so much easier than I thought."



Mansfield University plans to continue making this transitional experience the best experience for all of our incoming students. **M**

The Write Stuff

by Dr. James Guignard, Associate Professor of English and Chair Dept. of English and Modern Languages



Courtney Wark and Dr. James Guignard at EAPSU's Outstanding English Majors Recognition Luncheon.

We've had an exciting couple of years in the English Department at Mansfield University. With input from employers, students, and faculty in several disciplines, we've designed a new career-focused Professional Writing track with practical, skills-based courses like *The Editorial Process* and *Writing for the Web*. We also offer a Literary and Cultural Analysis track. Whichever path students choose, we'll help them master the analytical and writing skills employers want most.

We've also been emphasizing student research. Our majors participate in regional and national conferences, such as Susquehanna University's Annual

Undergraduate Conference. This year, Courtney Wark was recognized as our department's Outstanding English Major at the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) Conference at Cal U, where she presented to English professors from across PASSHE. This spring, she and Miranda Peery will present at the Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society Conference in New Mexico.

In May, seven students will be presenting their research at the Pippi to Ripley 3/ITHACON40: Women & Gender in Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Children's Literature Conference in Ithaca, New York. Our students Kelly Raleigh and Joel Miller, who are also minoring in creative writing, read their poetry at the Council of Public Liberal Arts College's (COPLAC) Northeast Regional Undergraduate Conference in New Hampshire. Not long after, Mansfield became a member of COPLAC, Pennsylvania's only university to receive that designation.

Our students' hard work and dedication pays off when they graduate from Mansfield. Many attend graduate

school at universities like Binghamton, St. John's, and Pitt. Others take their liberal arts skills and knowledge and apply them in a variety of jobs. Students work in management and public relations, write advertising copy, and teach high school and college in the US and overseas. Graduates become journalists, bankers, freelance writers, librarians, lawyers, university advisors, video game writers, and IT specialists. People often ask, "What can I do with an English major?" With employers rating critical thinking and oral and written communication as the top skills they seek in new hires, perhaps the better question is, "What can't I do with an English major?"

Visit mansfield.edu/english to learn more. **M**

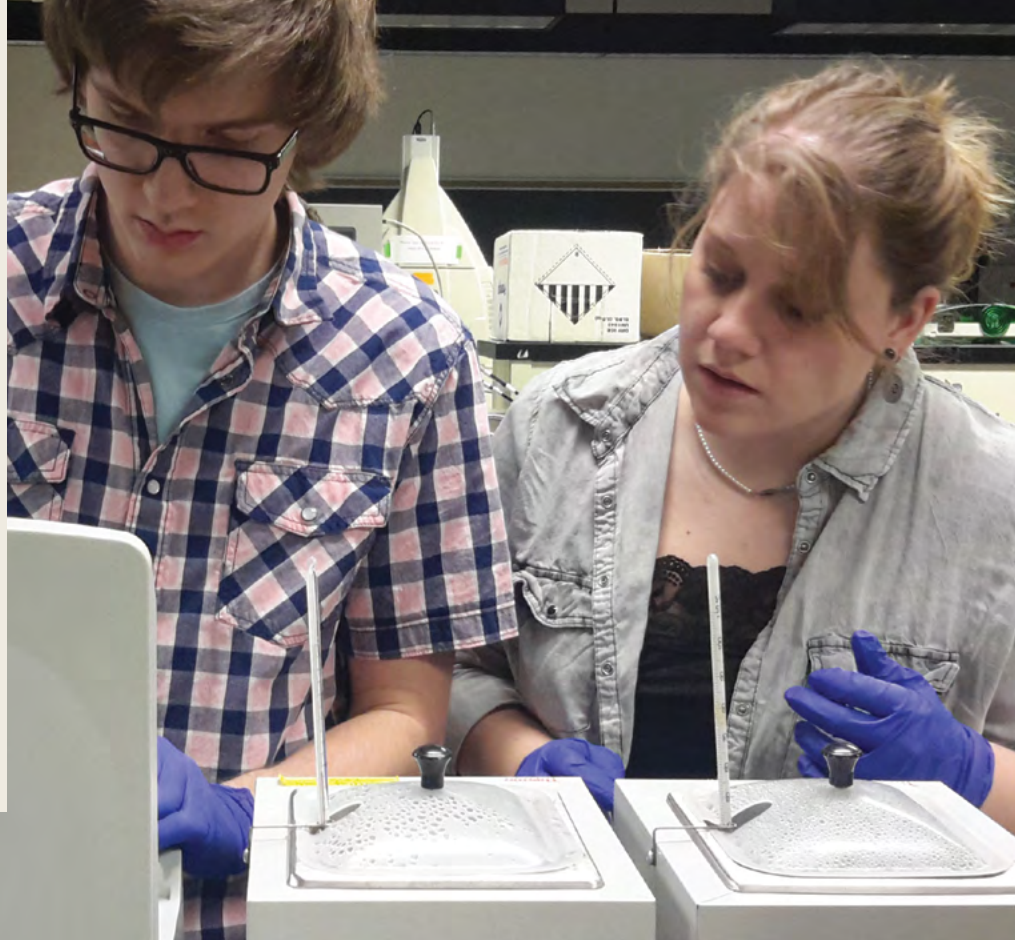
Kelly Raleigh reads her poetry at COPLAC's Northeast Regional Undergraduate Conference in New Hampshire.



RESEARCHING LIFE

in the
MANSFIELD
BIOLOGY
Department

by Jeanne Kagle



Michelle McKissick prepares DNA samples with a co-participant from Corning Community College.

My lab is a hive of activity as five students buzz about working on research projects. A pair of students extracts RNA from chicken embryo hearts, looking for effects of preservatives on embryonic development. Another student is processing shrimp to detect evidence of infection with white spot syndrome virus (WSSV). The fourth is gathering materials and preparing for her research on the effect of probiotics and antibiotics on the chicken immune system. The last is meeting with me to discuss possible future research comparing bacterial genome sequences to clarify the evolution of photosynthesis in bacteria. I suppose this is not such an unusual scene in a university biology lab, except for one thing: it is the Friday of finals week and two of these students graduate tomorrow. I can't help but smile when I think about how these students have developed as scientists, and individuals, during their time at Mansfield.

Research has been an integral part of the culture of the Mansfield Biology Department for as long as anyone on the faculty can remember. Department Chair Robert Maris, who joined the faculty in 1987, recalls that “a

senior project was required when I got here, although then the students could choose to do a paper for a maximum grade of C.” A significant evolution of the research program was just beginning, however, when I arrived in 2004. A course in research methods had just recently been introduced and the last of the paper presentations was given in May 2005. Now, completion of an independent

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research project, with accompanying paper and oral presentation, is required for graduation and three courses are dedicated to the students' successful completion of their projects. In addition, many courses, such as

Ecology, Animal Behavior, and Microbiology, incorporate student-designed research projects. Mansfield is the only PASSHE university which so fully incorporates independent research into their biology curriculum. Students are strongly encouraged to come up with their own ideas for research. “You can do research on pretty much anything you want,” junior Biology major Lauren Pardi explained to prospective students at a visitation day. And she's pretty much right.

Many students' projects are inspired by their future career interests. Junior Dominique (Dom) Herman plans to attend veterinary school after Mansfield. She began her research early as a sophomore on social relationships in cats and the effect of social status on stress. My own dog, Clara, got to provide the stress for nine cats. After Dom perfected her technique of collecting cat urine (if you're wondering, a spoon works better than fish tank gravel or small tubes held in tweezers), she was able to gather data to support her hypothesis that the most dominant cat would experience the least stress. Another junior, Alexis (Lexi) Anderson, has an interest in pursuing pediatric oncology. In order to

explore possible root causes of childhood cancer, Lexi, one of the students extracting RNA from chicken embryo hearts in my lab, chose to measure the effects of the food preservative sodium benzoate on the expression of key developmental genes. Although she does not have any quantitative data yet, she did find one embryo with severe developmental abnormalities in the group exposed to sodium benzoate.

Some students design their projects mindful of their practical application. Jake Kelly, who graduated December 2014 (and who was helping Lexi with her research the day before graduation), hopes to work as an emergency relief physician. He investigated the relative importance of calorie or protein content on immune system health by feeding three different diets to mice (normal protein/normal calorie, 1/3 protein/normal calorie, and 1/3 protein/1/3 calorie) and measuring the effect on antibody production. His results

suggest protein is more important than calorie count to immune system health when in a food shortage situation. This information could help aid groups when providing food assistance. Andrew Putt, a junior with a double major in Geography, has a particular interest in remediation of polluted waterways. He hopes to work on an applied project between watershed management and biology for acid mine drainage remediation.

Although most students complete their projects at Mansfield, some travel beyond campus -- some way beyond -- to perform research. In the last five years, three biology majors have participated in the competitive National Science Foundation's (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. Students have traveled to other universities, such as Cornell, to perform summer research. Alexa Marinelli, who graduated in December 2014, traveled all the way to Costa Rica to gather data on the relationship between leaf damage and

bean ripening in coffee. We were admittedly disappointed that she didn't provide samples as part of her senior research presentation to the Biology Department. Through internships in the Fisheries concentration, students have contributed to research in Wellsboro, Yellowstone National park, Alaska, and many points in between.

Some of these off-campus research opportunities are the result of the many relationships established with outside institutions through the Mansfield Biology faculty as well as alumni of the Biology Program. These collaborations facilitate the ability of Mansfield University to provide unique research experiences for our students. For example, Mansfield is one of several universities collaborating with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on the Pennsylvania Unassessed Waters Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to survey previously unassessed streams for their



Genomics workshop participants at Cornell University. Carly Golden (above right) gets a tour of the genome sequencing center.



Mansfield and Corning Community College students and faculty get behind-the-scenes access to genomic analysis facilities at Cornell University.



potential as Class A Trout streams, defined by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as, "Streams that support a population of naturally produced trout of sufficient size and abundance to support a long-term and rewarding sport fishery." Most recently, senior Alex Bybel contributed to this initiative with his senior project. Alex identified five streams which have begun the process of evaluation which could eventually result in Class A status. "These streams could now be protected if they are granted class A status," Alex pointed out during his December research presentation to the department. Senior Donald Benkendorf had the opportunity to collaborate on a project surveying fish populations and electroshocking streams in Yellowstone National Park. There he met Mansfield alumnus Michael Ruhl who works there as a Fisheries Biologist. Michael

is now writing Donald letters of reference for graduate school applications. "Through my internship at Yellowstone, I learned how important networking can be," Donald observes.

My 2012 sabbatical in the lab of Angela Douglas at Cornell University led to another exciting research opportunity for Mansfield biology students. One of the primary areas of research in Dr. Douglas's lab is the contribution of gut bacteria to the nutrition of sap-feeding insects. One tool intensively used in this research, as well as in a growing number of research areas throughout biology, is genome sequencing and genomic analysis. Through a collaboration with Dr. Douglas and Dr. Brenda Gustin (Corning Community College), the NSF funded a genomics workshop in Dr. Douglas's lab for Mansfield University and Corning Community College students. "I believe that opportunities like this one are exactly what I need to stand out from the crowd," says sophomore workshop participant Matt Moccia, who hopes to attend medical school after Mansfield, "Being able to say that I participated in a Cornell-led research project would be incredible." In January 2015, the five Mansfield University students (Carly Golden, Michelle McKissick,

Matthew Moccia, Erin Ratliff, and Stephanie Richards) traveled to Cornell and each extracted DNA from their "own" bacterium isolated from the gut of a sap-feeding insect, such as a leaf hopper, and prepared it for sequencing. In March, they again traveled to Cornell, this time to learn how to analyze the resulting genomic sequences to answer the research questions they independently developed regarding the interaction between gut bacteria and insect nutrition. Sophomore workshop participant Carly Golden points out that, "Because I will be sequencing a bacterium's genome and managing that data personally, I will be able to clearly visualize the significant role that DNA performs within the bacterium." The Mansfield and Corning Community College Students will present their results at a symposium at Cornell in May 2015. A second workshop is planned for the 2015/2016 academic year.

When confronted with the question, "What have you learned from your research experiences through Mansfield?" one of the most common responses from students is something to the effect of, "Nothing ever goes the way you expect it to." How to cope with the unexpected is one lesson every Biology major learns through their research experience. The unexpected nature of research is illustrated in how Matt Wambach (graduated December 2014) took what appeared, on its face, to be a failed experiment and turned it into an informative study with practical implications. Matt initially wanted to investigate the effect of bottled water as compared to tap water on the development of zebra fish. After weeks of struggling to get his fish to breed, he finally obtained enough eggs to run the experiment. Matt exposed the eggs to tap water and bottled water, and tracked their development. Matt was disappointed, however, that none of the eggs exposed to bottled water developed further than gastrulation (as Matt likes to say, "All they had was a mouth and a butt."). This result stymied his initial research plans. One day, Matt shared his experience with a friend who had served in Iraq. Matt's friend provided a seed for Matt's next step in his research. "When we were in Iraq, they would deliver pallets of bottled water that just sat in the hot sun for days." From this, Matt decided to test

the effect of heat and UV on the toxicity of bottled water. Using a brine shrimp toxicity assay, Matt found that only about 1/3 of the shrimp survived a day when placed in bottled water that had been exposed to heat and UV for 72 hours. As with any research, this experiment raises many more questions than it answers, such as, “What chemical was released into the water which caused the toxicity?” and “What are the implications for human health?” Through perseverance, Matt was able to turn what he initially thought was a frustrating, failed experiment into informative research. Matt’s experience of a realistic taste of what being a biologist is like is not unusual for Mansfield Biology majors.

For Mansfield Biology majors, however, the impacts of the research process reach beyond understanding the scientific process itself. “It changes the way you think,” says junior Lauren Pardi, “Research teaches you to be more independent and problem solve.” The students also recognize the contribution of the research experience to their future career. Junior Andrew Putt points out that, “you could go on to graduate work from here.” Both Andrew and Lauren felt that they now had a better idea of where they see themselves in the future. Lauren observes that research “can make you find new areas of interest or find out that you’re not interested in what you thought you were.” Andrew agrees that the research process “narrows and focuses your academic interests and career goals.”

For some students, the research opportunities provided by the Mansfield Biology Program were a deciding factor in their choice of Mansfield University.

“As soon as I found out I had to do research, I decided Mansfield University was the place,” senior Zachary Holcomb explained, “Personal research will help show that you know how to design studies and think outside the box. Lots of jobs and graduate schools look for research experience.” Zachary, however, is in the minority. Most students recognize the benefits of the research-focused curriculum once they begin the program. Josh Mihalik (graduated December 2014) says, “Mansfield is close, convenient, and good things are happening.” Josh transferred to Mansfield intending to pursue medicine, but he now has an interest in graduate work in molecular biology or biochemistry. “I took Genomics and got interested in the photosynthetic ability in *Sphingomonas* bacteria that we were introduced to in the course. Research caused me to have more interest in ongoing research and looking at the unknown rather than the known.”

As I work with the students the Friday before graduation, I know their research at Mansfield provides a unique educational experience.

Because every major performs research, the experience is shared among classmates, resulting in a cultural understanding of research and the scientific process which is palpable. They have developed invaluable critical thinking, problem solving, and time management skills as well as a sense of personal responsibility and self-knowledge. Through this culture of active participation in and understanding of research, graduates of the Mansfield University Biology Program are uncommonly prepared to tackle the challenges of whatever career they may choose. **M**

Dr. Robert Maris’s Human Biology Lab gets a hands-on heart anatomy lesson.



Unstoppable: Senior Women's Basketball Player **Alyssa DeRichie** Doesn't Let Diabetes Keep Her From the Game She Loves



Mountaineer student-athletes have worn the Red & Black for as long as anyone can remember, so it was unusual to see the Mansfield University women's basketball team dressed in powder blue warm ups for their season opener on First Citizens Community Bank Court at Decker Gymnasium in early November.

The team, along with scores of fans, wore blue, the color of juvenile diabetes, to support their teammate Alyssa DeRichie.

DeRichie, the sole senior on this year's roster, has loved to play basketball since she was a little girl, but going into her freshman year at nearby Horseheads High School, DeRichie was diagnosed with juvenile Type 1 diabetes.

"If I had stopped playing basketball when I was diagnosed in the ninth grade I would have missed what has become such a big part of my life," explained DeRichie. "Basketball is what I love to do and I can't imagine living my life without it."

DeRichie first took insulin shots to control her blood sugar but now hooks a catheter to an insulin pump to regulate her body. You can see her often picking up her test kit when sitting down after coming out of a game to check her blood levels and adjust her insulin. It usually isn't long until she's able to return to action.

For the season opener, MU women's head coach Alison Tagliaferri '07 and her team decided to show their respect for someone who has inspired them over the past four years.

"The details that she has to pay attention to on a day-to-day basis absolutely earns the respect of everyone in our program and to anyone who knows her," said Tagliaferri. "She goes through extraordinary measures to do what she loves. How can you not be inspired by that?"

DeRichie doesn't just play basketball, she excels at it. A starter since her sophomore season, DeRichie has started 67 of 91

games played and would have started every game over a three year span had she not been forced to miss eight games earlier this season with an injury.

"I don't think people understand how serious this disease is," said former teammate and current student-assistant coach Jenna Matter. "She goes through a lot to play this game both mentally and physically and shows a great degree of love for the game."

To help support research for a cure for juvenile diabetes her teammates and family held a fund-raising drive at the opening game for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) which raised more than \$500.

Adam Murtland '12, a member of the MU public relations staff, produced a feature video on DeRichie's story with help from the MU sports

information office that was shown prior to the start of the game.

The video was later used by JDRF on their website. You can view the video titled "Unstoppable," by going to GoMounties.com and clicking on the YouTube link. **M**



THE CAREER CENTER

Preparing Students for Life after Graduation by A. Cloke

The Career Center provides students and alumni with exceptional career development opportunities that cultivate leadership tools in preparation for effective, successful, and meaningful life-work.

The professionals in the Career Center serve students in both individualized and classroom settings. Career events and workshops assist students in developing skills as they prepare for life after college. Additionally, partnerships are developed with employers to coordinate experiences and opportunities for lifelong success.

One such partnership with State Farm Corporation has allowed representatives to spend a week on campus during the fall semester recruiting students for internships and full-time positions. Several of the State Farm Representatives are Mansfield alumni, so this is an exciting opportunity for current students to see where the Mansfield University experience can take them. State Farm Corporation recruits summer interns from colleges and universities across the nation; about 10% of the interns selected in 2014 were Mansfield University students.

"I sincerely enjoy returning to Mansfield University each fall to recruit for State Farm IT opportunities and this year was no different.

The quality, integrity, and work ethic of Mansfield University students continues to be the foundation for the long, successful relationship between State Farm and Mansfield University. A special thanks to the Career Center and Computer Science faculty for their continued hospitality while we are on campus!" explains Peter Wenzel of State Farm Corporation and '01 Mansfield alum.

Francis King, a junior in the Computer Science program, described his experience with the Career Center as he prepared for State Farm's fall 2014 visit. "In my personal



Peter Wenzel '01, State Farm Corporation Service Manager, speaks with MU students about internship possibilities.

experience with the Career Center of Mansfield University I was very pleased. They assisted me in refining my resume with patience and professionalism. The critiques they offered for my resume were well reasoned and they provided examples of alternative methods to succinctly express my professionally relevant past. I have advised all of my friends to go to the Career Center to see how they can improve their own resumes and I intend on returning to the Career Center to learn more about other aspects of the hiring process."

The Career Center also hosts an annual Professional Etiquette and Networking Dinner that allows students to exercise skills for eating in a professional setting and provides an opportunity for networking. Local businesspersons and Mansfield University alumni are invited to join students for an opportunity to share a meal and network with one another. This is an excellent way for alumni to get involved and give back to Mansfield.

The Career Center staff is comprised of Director Nichole Lefelhoc, Assistant Director Amber Cloke, and Graduate Assistant Ashley Wray. Five Career Peers, which are work-study students, are also a part of the team. All staff strive to make the Career Center a welcoming and professional atmosphere. For more information visit career.mansfield.edu or contact 570-662-4133. **M**



Interview with Mark Pizzi '78

By Dennis R. Miller '71

Mark Pizzi '78 started with Nationwide as a personal lines underwriter in Harrisburg almost immediately after graduation. Today he is President and Chief Operating Officer of Nationwide Direct and Member Solutions.

Mark, whose degree is in Criminal Justice Administration, is yet another excellent example of how a liberal arts education prepares graduates for a lifetime of careers. Just as importantly, as Mark points out, is the personal attention that Mansfield alumni throughout the decades have lauded.

He was kind enough to take time out of his hectic schedule to talk with me.

Dennis: You're right up there on our list of Very Successful MU Alumni. How did Mansfield prepare you to do so well in a very competitive profession?

Mark: The more intimate size of the campus and population of the university—as well as the location—all played a part in keeping me focused. For some, like me, being away from home for the first time and experiencing all the temptations that come with that, it helped to be in a smaller environment. Both my kids, by my recommendation, chose smaller schools for the same reasons, and they benefited from the same kind of environment.

Mansfield is just the right size to get that experience of being on your own, but still having close ties with, and being known to the professors, the staff and the other students. It was easy to feel at home.

Dennis: You majored in Criminal Justice. When and how did you decide to go into the insurance profession?

Mark: It was fortuitous quite frankly. My father spent 41 years in the US Army, and my plan was to join the Marine Corps. I attended

the Marine Platoon Leaders Class during the summer, but was injured in a training accident just before I finished. So my only plan went up in smoke. My brother worked for Nationwide Insurance, and he suggested it as a place to work. Once here, I met my wife and found my calling, which was leading people and giving back to the community, which Nationwide as a Mutual company that is not owned by stockholders allowed me to do. It



Mark Pizzi

satisfies the need to help others and to be part of being more than a business.

I've learned that it is rare for any career plan to go the way you want it to go. Being flexible and taking on whatever comes your way has been a key to my personal and professional success. My dad always said, never be a victim even if you are one. That advice always freed me to focus on what I can do instead of what I can't do.

Dennis: What are some of the biggest challenges you've met over the years and, again, how did your Mansfield experience help you?

Mark: The best times and the places of personal growth always seemed to be related to something going wrong—such as when I was injured—which drove things in a completely different direction than originally planned. At one time, I wanted to go into

law enforcement and potentially combine that with time in the Marines as an MP. Mansfield gave me a rare opportunity to spend an entire summer interning on a local police department in Carlisle, PA. They followed me through the entire internship, contacting me every two weeks, helping me through any issues I faced. This counted as a full semester of credits, and I graduated early, which allowed me to beat the crowd of new college graduates looking for a job. But that was not the real benefit. The real benefit was the time and attention Mansfield professors and staff gave me to ensure the right learning was taking place. The experience was great, and several of the recommendations I made to the police department as part of my final paper were adopted by the department. This experience really taught me the value and gratification that comes from mentoring and caring for others more than is expected.

I should also mention that back then, I took a 'Home Ec' class. I learned to cook a mean omelet, so let's not overlook that benefit of a Mansfield education.

Dennis: Who were some of your favorite professors while attending Mansfield?

Mark: I would not call out any one professor in particular. They were all so very good, personable and caring. What I most appreciated was the fact that many of the

professors, who were pretty liberal by my standards, welcomed my point of view. There was, back then at least, a desire to teach how to think rather than teaching what to think. I recall in one science class the professor did not believe in the scientific theory of the forming of the earth, of pre-historic man, etc. Yet, she taught it, but made it clear she did not believe it. Well, I think that scientific theory of how man developed is not in conflict with religious and biblical teachings, so off we went, one debate after the other much to the chagrin of the other students. Grade time came around, and not only did I get a good grade, but the professor called me aside and said, “you challenged me and I challenged you, and we are both better off for it.” How cool is that!

I do want to mention one person who had the biggest impact during the time at Mansfield University—Dean Rod Kelchner. He was the first person I met at orientation and he always, always had time for me as I grasped

Dennis: I graduated from Mansfield in 1971, so we both know the world has changed a lot since we entered the work force. What advice would you give today's students to get the most out of their education and prepare to enter a professional world that is even more competitive today than it was in the 20th century?

Mark: That's easy... stay young. Your body will age, but your mind does not have to do the same. You will be shocked at how quickly you will begin 'hardening of the brain'. To combat that, read things you might not normally read—things that stimulate your mind, listen to new music—not just the music of your time, keep close to those younger than you are so you keep looking at the world through their eyes not just yours.

Also, please work hard to embrace other people's thinking that is different than yours. You don't have to agree with them, but you

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adulthood. He derived no particular benefit for the college or for himself, and yet he always had time for discussions and coaching. In my early career, I attempted to pattern myself after Dean Kelchner.

Dennis: If you could sum up your experience at Mansfield in one or two sentences, what would you say?

Mark: That's pretty tough in one sentence, and in fact I think I just used up that sentence saying that! So as a second sentence it seems the best way to describe Mansfield University is as place where one is allowed to gain independence, but within an environment where all the help you need is provided willingly and safely.

cannot, you should not shout them down, shut them out or discount them. All people's opinions matter, and we all have to live together despite our differences. I make better leadership decisions when all sides of an issue are generally understood, so work hard to recognize the cognitive bias that exists in each of us. Don't just look for facts or opinions that happen to agree with yours and ignore or discount those that don't. Seek out the other side of the story and recognize that you are not always right.

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When the Earth is your Classroom

by
Lilace Guignard,
Instructor
of Outdoor
Recreation
Leadership

What program holds classes while hiking the West Rim Trail, paddling Pine Creek, and biking at Aspah? Here's a hint: the professors aren't formal, but there is a dress code.

The Outdoor Recreation Leadership (ORL) program began in Fall 2009 and continues to attract students dedicated to conserving nature and introducing people to the benefits of outdoor recreation and education. And they're serious about the dress code. Their motto is: there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad gear.

The ORL program in the Geosciences Department (formerly the Geography and Geology Department) has grown since its creation in fall 2009, and in doing so has changed the landscape of the campus. By 2010 students could check out any of the 20 mountain bikes, in February 2012 a state-of-the-art climbing wall was built in the Kelchner Fitness Center, and immediately afterwards a low ropes course was built behind Decker Gymnasium. Plans are currently underway to build a high ropes course across from Decker behind the water tower and to build an adjacent outdoor classroom.

◀ Students in REC 3010 backpacking along the West Rim Trail

Mountain biking students get a ▶
taste of single track in Asaph

"Having the academic program has improved life for all students," says Lilace Guignard, an instructor and advisor of the ORL majors. "Bikes and climbing are available free of charge for all students. And any class, team, or club can take advantage of the challenge courses."

The ORL program provides a blend of classroom and experiential learning. REC courses include an introductory course, recreation management in public and private sectors, and leading outdoor recreation trips. Though mostly in the classroom, these core courses have field trips and out-of-class requirements that get students involved with local land use agencies and community organizations. In Fall 2013, the 15 students in the leading outdoor recreation trips course logged 84 hours of volunteer service in their field.

Hard skills classes for one credit include rock climbing, mountain biking, kayaking, raft guiding, hiking/backpacking, nature photography, and more. In addition to the recreation-oriented classes, courses in leadership, wilderness first aid, and practical geographic skills such as Geographic Information Systems/Global Positioning Systems (GIS/GPS) are required, along with environmental and earth science.

Dr. Russ Dodson, who spearheaded the program, has been proud of its growth. "I always said the question was: could we put students in jobs? And we have answered that with a resounding YES! In large part thanks to our high achieving students who impress prospective employers with their well-rounded resumes upon graduation."

Anthony Mancuso delivers his interpretive presentation on the trail



Here are some of the jobs our graduates hold: field technician at Trout Unlimited, level 2 research technician at the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission in the Inland Fisheries Division, forestry technician at Deschutes National Forest in Oregon, adventure scientist in the Montana wilderness, wildlife rehabilitator in Alaska, raft guide trip leader in Utah specializing in outdoor recreation for those with physical and/or cognitive disabilities, and adventure program coordinator at Camp Eder in Pennsylvania. **M**

Glenn Wolfe, senior, worked last summer for DCNR, which was extended into the fall so he could train park managers in GIS





Fisheries Program Continues at Mansfield

by Steve Means '92

The Fisheries program at Mansfield University has always been a job of one person when it comes to a primary instructor. When the fall semester ended in 2013, many students left the University on winter break not knowing the future of the program or who would replace Dr. Aaron McNevin '00, who had resigned from his position to take a job in the private sector. Retrenchment letters sent to faculty in the fall were the reason for uncertainty by faculty, but a letter to the only fisheries professor questioned the continuation of the entire program. The loss of a professor in the middle of a semester also created difficulties in finding a fisheries instructor. Due to budget constraints in replacing a full-time instructor, the University advertised for a part-time instructor to teach the spring 2014 fisheries courses.

So where do you find a competent instructor to teach specialized fisheries courses on short notice? Steve Means '92 contacted the Biology Department and expressed his interest in teaching the spring semester fisheries courses. Steve is a product of the fisheries program and is a full time aquatic biologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in Williamsport. Steve holds a Master of Science in Fisheries Science from Penn State and is a Certified Fisheries Scientist by the American Fisheries Society. He has over 20 years of working experience and has worked in Alaska, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. "We were very fortunate to find a talented instructor with extensive experience in fisheries this close to Mansfield" said Dr. Robert Maris Biology Department Chair. "Steve has been an asset to the program and has given extra time to mentor our students and to assist them with independent research and internships".

"I felt obligated to step in and help out the students in the program and to give back to the University that prepared me for my career" said Means. "I have reached out to many alumni of the program and have received tremendous support". "I can't say enough about the support I have also received from Dick Soderberg (Professor Emeritus)".

The fisheries program requires students to complete two courses during the summer session. When Mr. Means was unable to teach both courses, Aaron Frey '99, a fisheries biologist with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, was able to assist and teach one of the courses. "The summer courses are taught on alternate years and we had some students that would not graduate on time if they were not taught on schedule". "We were very fortunate that Aaron Frey was willing to bring his knowledge and expertise back to Mansfield to teach the first half of the summer courses" said Dr. Maris.

The future of the fisheries program is promising. A new fisheries lab in Grant Science Center opened in the fall of 2014 and the University has committed to hiring a full-time tenure track position in the fall of 2015. Mr. Means continues to teach and assist students in the fisheries program in the interim. "It's been a great experience for me and I enjoy every minute I spend with the students". The Mansfield fisheries program and its distinct curriculum are recognized nationally with many graduates working in the private and public sector across the United States. **M**

What is the Value of International Concert Tours?

by Peggy Dettwiler, Director of Choral Activities

The Mansfield University Concert Choir completed its seventh European Tour on July 14, 2014. These generally two-week-long trips have given more than 350 MU students memories, which, in their words, last a lifetime. The choir's travels have taken them to sixteen countries: Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Great Britain, Wales, Ireland, Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia. With each trip, students have recorded their thoughts in a group journal, which has been published, and their travels and performances have been preserved in a travel documentary DVD. For many, these tours were the first time students had been out of the country, and for some, the first time they were even on an airplane! Their participation in six international competitions has garnered MU choirs (Concert Choir and Mansfieldians) two championships, ten gold medals, a special prize for "Artistic Interpretation," three first-place, five second-place prizes, a third and one fourth-place award. Thus, the choir's success has brought much luster to Mansfield University and helped to put the MU Music Department on the map.

"Why enter competitions? Are they worth the pressure and the time-commitment?"

My answer is a resounding Yes. Knowing that they will compete with some of the best choirs in the world, students strive for musical excellence on a level that even surprises me at times. And this is where they become real winners. Not in raking in the prizes, but walking off the stage after performing at a level none of us could have imagined. Nothing else matters in that moment. It is like going to a mountaintop and viewing the expanse below that takes your breath away; like feeling the tingles from a musical climax or the tears from a poignant phrase that makes one forget the outside world. An aesthetic experience is the moment when something beautiful or awe-inspiring transforms one's soul into wholeness.

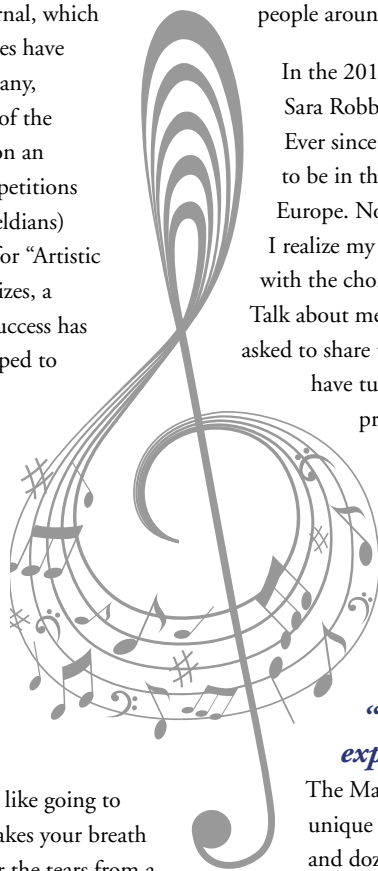
One might still ask, why go to Europe? We don't recruit from there? The European tours, I have to insist, have been a recruiting tool—to attract American students! Since, starting in 1996, the Concert Choir has traveled regularly every three years, students, who audition at Mansfield, are made aware of the triennial international tours. Some students have had international travel experiences in high school and

want to have another opportunity while in college, and others are intrigued by the opportunity to travel and perform abroad with their peers. This is definitely a "carrot" to attract their interest in Mansfield. From the differing architecture, art, language, dress, and food, to the exposure to other people and divergent attitudes, a tour is a broadening and educational experience. Students become more aware of world events and the differences, similarities, and connections between people around the world.

In the 2011 Tour Journal on her return from Wales, student Sara Robbins wrote: "This has truly been a dream come true. Ever since my 8th grade year, I've wanted nothing more than to be in the Mansfield University Concert Choir and travel to Europe. Now, I am sitting on the bus back to Mansfield, and I realize my dream has come true. Not only did I travel Europe with the choir, but I was also part of bringing home a gold medal! Talk about memories that will last a lifetime... I could not have asked to share this experience with a better group of people who have turned from my best friends into my family. I have such pride in this family, and I'm so honored to have been given a chance to share our music with the world. I will definitely miss Europe, but I have a new appreciation for my homeland. I've never been more proud to be an American and to be able to raise the flag for my country. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this dream a reality. I've had the adventure of my life."

"What do others get from our experience abroad?"

The Mansfield University Concert Choir is known for its unique warm tone quality, honed in hundreds of rehearsals and dozens of recordings and respected here and abroad. When judges put down their pencils and applaud (almost a no-no, threatening to shatter the perception of impartiality), when they are moved to tears ("yes, judges can cry too"—a comment we heard after our rendition of an Irish song in Zwickau in 2002), when strangers approached me in Riga, saying they heard us in Vilnius, Lithuania, and followed us to the next venue in Latvia to hear us again—I know we must be doing something right. One thing is clear, the Mansfield University Concert Choir is a worthy ambassador of the institution it represents, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and of the United States of America. **M**



The Community as Classroom

By Dr. Mary E. Daly

Service in the community can be a powerful learning experience for students. A senior course in the MU Social Work Program challenges student teams to partner with a community agency for a semester-long project. Combining classroom learning with engagement in the local community helps students to reflect on complex health and social problems that they will encounter in their professional Social Work lives.

In the Communities and Organizations course, teams of students seek out partnerships with local human service agencies to help alleviate “real world” problems with a project. Students are encouraged to forge relationships in the community. They listen to agency administrators and staff to design a semester-long project that meets an identified need. When possible, community members plan and participate in the activities and events alongside the Social Work students. Student learning is enhanced by reflective writing assignments and classroom debriefing sessions to make connections among the concepts covered in class and their community experiences.

Over the past few years, a number of community centers, food pantries, children’s programs and services for people with disabilities have benefited from the projects of Social Work students. Although all of these projects touch the lives of many community members, only a few will be highlighted here.

One of the first projects to capture regional newspaper coverage was a Social Work student team involved in saving an Elmira community center from closure in 2011. The Chemung County YMCA was experiencing financial problems and planned closure. The county hoped a local Senior Center would take over operations and with the help of four Mansfield Social Work students “put the building back on the map.” Rachel Jackson, Katy O’Herron, Karin Lewis and John Drake were up to the challenge of working with the county and concerned seniors to keep the facility open. Their strategy as enthusiastically described by student Rachel Jackson was simple: “We are going to be out in the community, all of our faces are going to be out here, asking for donations, looking for membership. We are going to be throwing a huge [May] fundraiser event.” Several thousand dollars were raised through the successful membership drive and fundraiser. Katy O’Herron later told a newspaper reporter that the class project required a big time commitment but “this project caught us by the heart strings.”

Another Mansfield team poured their hearts into helping the Towanda YMCA Strong Kids afterschool program. Students Elizabeth Farnham, Meredith Foster, Nicole Ierna, Haley Wagstaff and Ashley Makinster coordinated a craft show that raised hundreds of dollars. The team met with the YMCA to plan the event and used Facebook to recruit 38 vendors and organize a raffle and auction at the Towanda Area Elementary School. In a Daily Review article, the school setting was declared a perfect

setting for the fundraiser because the idea for the event was the “brainchild of five Mansfield University social work majors.” Student Nicole Ierna said the programs benefit children because they “keep them off the streets and keep them physically active.” The Towanda YMCA was grateful for the financial support for this vital community program.

Projects to address hunger and food insufficiency have also been tackled by MU students from the Community and Organizations class. For example, one team of students titled their project “It’s All About the Babies” to meet a pressing need for baby food at the Corning Food Bank. Over their spring break Pam Dabich, Taryn Taft, Megan Dean and Tessa Crum went door-to-door on Market Street obtaining donations for products, gift certificates and money from Corning’s local businesses. They created an attractive raffle basket and sold tickets for the basket. The group purchased over 300 jars of baby food that were donated directly to the pantry for distribution to needy families. Student Megan Dean commented “It really shocked me that just four people can do so much through selling \$2 tickets for a raffle. And I wish that more people would do the same.” A thank you letter from the Corning Food Bank deemed this an “exemplary project.” Similar coordinated team projects have raised significant money and food donations for pantries in Mansfield, PA and the Elmira, NY Salvation Army.

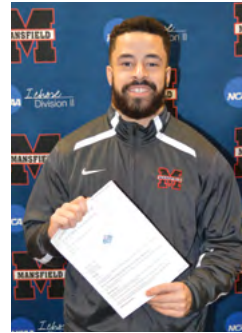
A concern for children’s safety and health was the focus of a project at the Stepping Stone Preschool in Mansfield. Five team members (Paige Mast, Amelia Deery, Grace Thompson, Kaseen Woodward, and Haley Fitzwater) used crafts, games and the “hokey pokey” to capture the children’s attention and taught safety and emergency response. The same crew dressed up as carrots, peas, corn and tomatoes for lessons on healthy eating. An age-appropriate evaluation tool was used to gauge the educational project effectiveness. Feedback from both teachers and children was extremely positive. Stepping Stones Preschool teachers stated they would be interested in having similar programs take place at their organization again.

Whether students are dancing with preschoolers or partnering with seniors to save a YMCA, the power of forming relationships between the university and the community is demonstrated in this senior Social Work course. Over and over again, students have voiced their heartfelt amazement over the impact their partnerships have had on the local community citizens with specific needs for help. Also, and often with some surprise, their experiences have a personal impact on their dedication to their chosen field of social work. As future leaders, they learn to think critically and act collectively to bring about positive change in communities. **M**





Living the Dream: Mansfield Senior **Jeremy Estremera** Becomes First CSFL Player Invited to NFL Regional Combine



Getting an invitation to participate in an NFL Regional Combine is, by any measure, like hitting the lotto for a collegiate football player.

The annual pre-draft showcase of skill, ability and athletic talent is almost exclusively reserved for the top players in the top college programs in the country. All of them dreaming of NFL glory and riches.

This year the big boys from Alabama, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Florida State and the other big name schools will be matching skills with Mansfield's own Jeremy Estremera. In the college football world of giants, Estremera is the Little Engine that Could.

At 5'7" and 167 pounds, Estremera will definitely be one of the smallest players invited by the NFL to participate in the combine, but few will have more heart and desire.

Thought to be the first-ever Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) player to receive an NFL Regional Combine invitation, Estremera was one of the top players in the CSFL over the past three seasons and holds the school sprint football career rushing and receiving records. He first attracted NFL attention after being invited to participate in a pair of postseason senior bowl games this year.

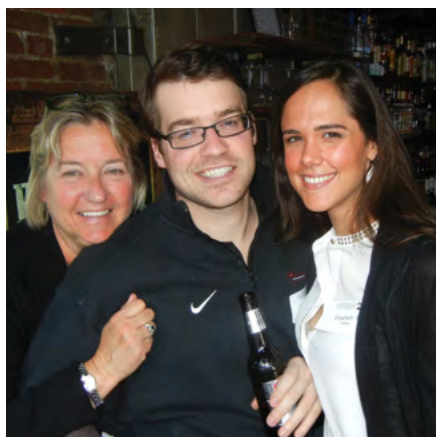
His speed, skills, and tenacity during workouts and in competition, during the postseason senior bowl games was impressive enough to convince the NFL to send him a much desired invitation to showcase his talents at the Baltimore Ravens Training Complex. Baltimore is one of six regional combines, all held at NFL team training complexes. Participants who excel at the regional combines will advance to the NFL Super Regional Combine held in Arizona in late March.

"I don't know where I'd be right now if it wasn't for Mansfield" explained Estremera. "Sprint football has helped me develop so much as a man."

Although the competition will be tough and the challenge great in Baltimore, Estremera, who is majoring in electronic media, is looking even more forward to Spring Commencement in Decker Gymnasium this May when he will become the first member of his family to receive a college diploma. **M**

Save the Date – Upcoming Events

Marirose Murphy '79 and **Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81** invite you to join MU on the Road in **Scranton, PA** on Saturday, **April 18**. Enjoy an evening of fun, music, food and friends at Mert's in downtown Scranton. Check our website for more details! alumni.mansfield.edu/scranton2015.



In honor of the return of the *Carontawan* yearbook and this year's theme of "**Re:**" (**rev**ived, **re**invented, **re**imagined), we invite you to **re**visit the campus, **re**discover your love for MU and **re**connect with old friends (and maybe make some new ones!) during **Alumni Weekend, June 12-13 2015!** Events include a golf outing, a networking cocktail hour, Lobster Fest, reunion class meetings, a luncheon, a wedding vow renewal ceremony celebrating our "Mansfield Mergers" and more! This year we will be honoring the **Class of 1965**, celebrating their Golden Anniversary reunion, as well as our Society of Honor's recipients. FMI and to register, complete the included registration form and mail it in, or visit alumni.mansfield.edu/AW2015.



Join us in the **Lehigh Valley** on Wednesday, **July 8** at Coca-Cola Park! We will be enjoying an IronPigs baseball game and a picnic at the Red Robin Tikki Terrace. Check the website for more details.

Rocco "Rocky" Zegalia '94 and former players, coaches, staff and friends of the MU football program will honor the memory of Coach "Z" at the annual **Steve Zegalia Memorial Golf Tournament** on **July 11** at the Corey Creek Golf Club in Mansfield.

Tony Confer '97 will be hosting his **9th Annual Billtown Bash** on **July 18** in Williamsport, PA. FMI email Tony at confert@comcast.net.

Homecoming and Fabulous 1890's are scheduled for September 25 & 26.

LUMA III (Light Up Mansfield, Again) is scheduled for Saturday, October 10.

Recent Honors

Three alumni were honored during the annual Butsko Brunch in September. **Blaine Wainwright '14** received the Frank Butsko Award, **Lance Marshall '76** received the John "Jay" Atkins Mountie Award, and Mike Kemp '76 received the Austin Snyder Alumni Appreciation Award.

On Saturday, October 11, 2014, **Brian Dix '82**, director of the United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps "The Commandant's Own", was inducted into the **Mansfield Music Wall of Fame**.



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Reviving the Carontawan Yearbook



Carontawan (Kär-õn-tá-wen)

Attributed to Native American origins, meaning little town on the hill, It is more than just a great descriptor of Mansfield. It is the yearly record of the people, events, pictures, and stories that shape our University. However, since 1989, the Carontawan Yearbook has not been cataloging our stories, or capturing the events of MU students, but that is all about to change. It is time to clear a space on bookshelves everywhere, because for the first time in 25 years, students at Mansfield University have pulled together to revive this publication. With such a rich past at Mansfield University, we knew it would be a struggle to bring the publication back and make it exciting again. In the generation of social media, we understood that our book had to be just as technologically savvy as we are. From humble beginnings as the Mansfield Catalog in the late 1800's, to the Carontawan Yearbook in 1918, we wanted to reinvent the next generation of the Carontawan. So this year Mansfield University and the Carontawan Yearbook staff are proud to introduce the Revived Carontawan, it is reinvented, and completely reimagined. Keeping the same historic name, and using a design theme from the 1982 Carontawan publication, among many other borrowed elements, we wanted to highlight the Carontawan's rich history

at Mansfield. With technology greatly improved from the last time the word Carontawan rolled across a printing press, we knew we would have to make the Carontawan a part of the digital age. So in addition to a purchasable hardcopy book, the Carontawan also features a digital picture, and video archive accessible to absolutely everyone. Using our free Replay-it App through Jostens® (www.replayit.com) any student, alumni, parent, community or faculty member can take, upload and view pictures of Mansfield events. Every year the pictures, and uploaded videos will be saved in a digital time capsule that can be accessed by anyone who purchases that year's book. This technology allows us to capture more than ever before, and tell each story from every angle. This effort has been a monumental task almost two years in the making, and we could not be where we are today without the students, University officials, and Student Government Association, to whom we say thank you. We would also like to thank the Alumni for their continued support and guidance. If you would like to learn more about the Revival of the Carontawan, or would like to support us, you can easily reach our staff at carontawan@outlook.com. Help show your support by purchasing this historic publication at Jostens.com, through the Mansfield University Bookstore, or by using the link on the Replay-it App. Also, stay connected to events at Mansfield University, or help us in telling the story of Mansfield by downloading Replay-it, or accessing it online, and start uploading your pictures today. Together we can cover all the stories of Mansfield University for generations to come.

Andrew Putt

Studying Environmental Biology & Watershed Management Geography

Editor-in-chief of the Carontawan
President of I.E.O. Club - Int'l Community Service Org.
President of Colleges Against Cancer
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Recent Gatherings

On Saturday, January 10, MU Alumni & Friends gathered in **Shippensburg, PA** to enjoy an afternoon of MU men's and women's basketball, followed by a post-game gathering at Knute's Pub. MUAA Board members **Jeffrey Howe '04** and **Chet Nebrotski '75** joined our guests, along with **President, Fran Hendricks '79**, **Steve McCloskey '91** and our new **Director of Athletics, Deb Solfaro**.

Alumni hosts **Donna Mokrzynski '55** and **Don Stanton '53** welcomed MU Alumni & Friends at University Park County Club in **Sarasota, Florida** on Saturday, March 7. Following the luncheon, **Mr. Alan Crippen '69 '72M** was the featured speaker and President Hendricks provided a campus update. Mr. Crippen, a retired teacher, served in three branches of the U.S. Armed Forces – the Marines, the Army and the Navy. He retired from the Navy after 23 years of service. In addition, he served in The Metropolitan Police Department Washington, D.C. and as a Secret Service officer at the White House. He and his wife, **Barbara Jenkins Crippen '78**, have three children.



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RUTHADEL ZINCK HOUSEKNECHT celebrated her 101st birthday on Dec. 26, 2014. She taught at Gray Valley one-room school house in Tioga County from 1934 to 1942 and later at Hughesville, PA grade school. In 2011, Ruthadel and her sister moved to Wolf Run Village in Hughesville where many former students have stopped in to say hello.

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NORMA STRAIT HOWLAND, a retired MU faculty member, celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 30, 2014.

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FRANK and **MARSHA EARLEY MALINICH** are now residing at 4645 Fringetree Dr, Unit E, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. They were happy to see classmates back for their 60th reunion this past June.

LOUISE GRIFFIN MARSH and husband **TALLIE MARSH '58** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 24, 2014. Tallie, from Taylor, PA, and Louise, from Millerton, PA, met at MU, and were married in 1954. They raised their family in Elmira, NY, which is where they continue to reside. They have a son and daughter, two granddaughters, two grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

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CAROL HIMMELREICH BRANN, of Lewisburg, PA, was presented the Outstanding Family and Consumer Science Professional award by the PA Assn. of Family and Consumer Sciences. The award recognizes a member of the PAFCS who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of family life in the Commonwealth.

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TOM WALKER is living in Lancaster, PA and can be contacted at tom@walkerinsuranceservices.net.

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JOHN PONTIN III is living at 309 Foxcroft Cir, Royersford, PA 19468-1538. He writes: "Just heard that Phi Sigma Kappa was returning to Mansfield in mid-April. Myself, Bill Russell and Rick Bollinger started the original branch at MU back in 1966." nitnopl621@comcast.net.

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DAVID ROLAND resides at 31 Wadsworth Ave, Avon, NY 14414.

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JOHN BARSONY can be contacted at jbarsony1@rcn.com.

AARON GRIMM is living at 602 York Ln, Leesburg, VA 20175 and can be contacted at flamtrap46@gmail.com.

BARBARA FINNERTY LOUSHAY is now owner and manager of a themed tour business. She previously taught French and Spanish for more than 38 years. Barbara can be contacted at www.youngatheartvoyages.com or 4108 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Sebring, FL 33872. (863) 414-5073.

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BRENT BALLARD is living in Kennett Square, PA and can be contacted at bpballard@comcast.net.

MARY ZANGHI LANGENBACHER is living in Mechanicsville, VA and can be contacted at rmlngnbchr@comcast.net.

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ROBERT WALTERS resides in Melbourne, FL and can be reached at bobwalters1@cs.com.

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MELANIE COOK retired from her position as Assistant Dean of Students (Judicial Affairs) at West Virginia U in December 2014.

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CHET NEBROTSKI recently retired from PA Power & Light as a generation/mechanical planner. He worked with the company for 36 years.

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DANIEL NEVIUS lives in Sykesville, MD.

JEROME WOOD, after more than 36 years in law enforcement, retired from his position as detective with the Dauphin County (PA) Criminal Investigative Div.

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KELLEY COLEMAN KENNEY, Kutztown U. professor of counseling and student affairs, has been honored as the recipient of Pennsylvania College Personnel Assoc. (PCPA) 2014 Ronald Lunardini Mentoring Award. She was nominated for her mentoring of graduate students and new professionals in the field of student affairs. Dr. Kenney has served

on the KU faculty for 30 years, and is the program coordinator for the Student Affairs in Higher Education program.

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YVONNE METTIE ALLEN has been awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching and will be studying and conducting research in Finland this year. Her research topic is "Is the United States Losing a Generation of Music Makers? What US Schools Can Learn from Finland." She will be assisted in her research by the music education department at the U. of Jyväskylä. Her project will allow her to observe music classrooms in the schools and at the university level. Yvonne is currently the band director at the Horseheads (NY) Middle School where she conducts three bands and a number of small ensembles. Her bands have performed with composer/conductors Frank Ticheli, Christopher Tucker, David Holsinger, Timothy Mahr and Douglas Akey. The Horseheads Middle School Concert Band was chosen to perform at the 2013 NYS Band Directors Assn Symposium. Yvonne, who earned an MM degree in Music Education from Ithaca College, NY, frequently guest conducts honors bands and is active as a percussionist in the Southern Tier of NY. She was timpanist for many years with the Elmira Symphony, Corning Philharmonic and Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes. An avid writer, Yvonne's articles have appeared in numerous music education publications. She was selected as an Educator of the Week by WETM-TV. Yvonne can be contacted at yallen620@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN SPANGENBERG, a 1981 Criminal Justice graduate served in 1981-1993 as Major in the US Marine Corps, and then in 1994 - 2014, he was Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Criminal Investigation Div. of the Environmental Protection Agency. Currently he is Safety Director for Rev LNG. He can be contacted at sjaccl@aol.com.

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BRIAN DIX, Marine Corps Major and outgoing commanding officer of "The Commandant's Own," the US Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, passed the unit's guidon to Capt. Christopher Hall, incoming commanding officer, during a change of command ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, DC

in Dec. 2014. Dix was appointed as the fourth director of The Commandant's Own in 1998 and retired in December. He is a member of the MU Music Honor Roll.

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DEBORAH HINKLE STOUGH is living at 225 E. King St East Berlin, PA 17316, and can be reached at d_stough@msn.com.

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ALICIA SHADE PIERCY resides at 101 Matthews La., Eatonton, GA 31024. aliciapiercy@yahoo.com.

CYNTHIA RUTH PRITCHARD lives at 114 Waverley Green, Staunton, VA 24401. justdance1963@gmail.com.

LISA LAMACHIA ROESELER is living in Middleport, NY and can be contacted at lroz5@yahoo.com.

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CORBIN WOODLING can be contacted at chirunred@yahoo.com.

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HOLLY HANSEN can be contacted at hmhansen@verizon.net.

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TERESA CORRELL GORMAN resides in Elmira, NY and can be reached at tgorman42@gmail.com.

ANTHONY GREGO is being inducted into the Bergenfield (NJ) HS Athletic Hall of Fame in March for his achievements in football during high school. Anthony was inducted into the MU Hall of Fame in 2010, and received the Frank Butsko Football Award in 2009.

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JOSEPH LOZAK is semi-retired and writes that he "...would love to hear from friends and Crow Bro's!" loco219@verizon.net

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KRISTINA COWAN-GIGER is living in Pittsburgh, PA and can be contacted at kcgiger@gmail.com.

ROCCO ZEGALIA married Lynn Windsor in August 2014. The couple resides in Macungie, PA.

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BRIAN STEPHENSON recently accepted a position as Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Student and Young Alumni Programs at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. brian_j_stephenson@yahoo.com

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MICHAEL PERROTTI, after 15 years of teaching at the public school level, received his PhD from Marywood U. and is now an assistant professor of Secondary Education at California U of PA. He resides in California, PA with **DAWN HEYDON PERROTTI '98** and son Andrew.

CURT ZETTEMAYER was recently promoted to Milton Chief of Police. He is a 14-year veteran of the police department, located in Milton Borough, PA.

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JASON and **SANDRA MADEJ CRUNDWELL** welcomed son Alexander, born in December 2014.

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ALYSSA KLEMENTISZ GUERS and husband Josh welcomed the birth of daughter Aimee Irene in January 2015.

KATIE DOYLE PARSELL and husband **SCOTT** welcomed to birth of Owen Stanley in July 2014.

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JOHN DAWE, CFRE, recently received three awards: The Outstanding Partner Award from Maternal and Family Health Services for his presentation of LGBTQ Families United: A Community Conference; the Audrey Spence Community Service Leadership Award from the Wilkes-Barre, PA NAACP Branch #2306; and the 20 Under 40 Award from the Northeast PA Business Journal. John says the formation of his organizational leadership experience happened at MU and he credits retired VP of Student Affairs Joe

Maresco and Dir. of Choral Activities Peggy Dettwiler as key influencers. John, who resides in Kingston, PA, earned graduate certificates in Nonprofit Management and in Nonprofit Governance from North Park U. in Chicago.
john@daweconsulting

KEVIN MCCARTY is living in Mount Holly Springs, PA and can be reached at trumpmu@hotmail.com.

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JEFFERY and **KRISTYN SHUEY BEEMAN** are living in Harrisburg, PA and can be contacted at beemanj2003@yahoo.com and kdsmusic@hotmail.com.

ANDY and **HOLLY LOEFFLER GLOVER** welcomed the birth of son Tobias Edmund in November 2014.

JOHN MURPHY and wife Sara welcomed their second child, Nicholas, in summer of 2013. The family resides in Macungie, PA.
murphyjohnf@hotmail.com

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CHARITY COURTNEY and **DAVID PACKARD** have announced their engagement. Charity is employed as a teacher in the Corning Painted Post Area SD (NY) and David is Eastern Region Mgr. for Semex, USA. A July wedding in Williamsport, PA is planned.

JILL DAVIS recently authored "Katie's Classroom: A Day in the Life of a Furry Friend," which captures the wonderful journey of the life of a high school therapy dog. Jill is currently a vocal music teacher at Palmyra-Macedon HS, Palmyra, NY, where the value

of therapy dogs is cherished and used daily within the classroom. Jill is owner of a wellness business, Journey With Jill, LLC, and is a certified health coach. She holds music degrees from Eastman School of Music and MU, and a certification in Educational Leadership from the U of Rochester. Jill resides with her pets in Rochester, NY.

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STACEY MOYER HARTMAN can be contacted at staceylhartman@yahoo.com.

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NATHAN HERRING is living in Winchester, VA and can be contacted at nathan.herring32@gmail.com.

JONATHAN HUMMEL resides at 403A Seville St, Philadelphia, PA 19128. hummeljd@gmail.com

DIANA DANIEL SEROSKI is living in Rochester, NY and can be contacted at dianapseroski@gmail.com.

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KELLIE BARBATO CLIVER resides at 2143 Westchester Cir, Apt 8, Memphis, TN, 38134-5865, and can be reached at kcliver@memphis.edu.

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JANELLE ANTES and **ERIC ROSENBERGER** were married in September 2014 at Erdman Sportmen's Club in Lykens, PA. Janelle is a nutritionist at Family Health Council of Central PA and Eric is employed at John Gross Co. as a service technician. The couple are living in Mechanicsburg, PA.

MELISSA BAER, former MU softball standout, has been promoted to head softball coach at Lycoming College. Baer, who served as the interim head coach during the 2014 season, led the Warriors to the most wins (14) in program history for a rookie head coach and the best finish in the Commonwealth Conference (6-10) in three years.

TRACEY DUKERT was recently appointed Digital Communication Coordinator for the West Chester (PA) Area SD. Tracey will focus on increasing communications in all areas of social media and web as well as serving as the district liaison for traditional communication arenas.

ELIZA BELL FOSTER is living in Las Vegas, NV.

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MATTHEW GUAGLIARDO is living in Elmira, NY.

SYDNEY BLADE resides in Troy, PA and can be reached at bladesb05@gmail.com.

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BRAD VEACH is living in Oneonta, NY and can be contacted at bradveach@outlook.com.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY 2015 ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 12th & 13th

ALUMNI WEEKEND is a special time for alumni and friends to gather together – so mark it on your calendar and join your friends and classmates on campus **June 12 and 13, 2015**. Honored guests will include the **Class of 1965, Society of Honors inductees, retired faculty and administrators**, as well as all classes with years ending in **5** and **0**. The **2015 Society of Honors** recipients include Barbara King '78, Sheri Beam '71, Mark DiRocco '78 and Christopher Johannessen '90. Activities planned for the weekend will provide opportunities to renew friendships, recall priceless memories and to see what's new and exciting at Mansfield.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

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Alumni Weekend Special Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

The annual Alumni **Golf Tournament** will be held at the Corey Creek Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. Proceeds from the competition help fund athletic scholarships for Mansfield University students. Entry fee covers all fees, most contests (duffers, skins and mulligans) and includes lunch. The "Kappa" challenge continues... FMI contact Deb Solfaro, Director of Athletics at dsolfaro@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4636.

Alpha Sigma Tau – the Alpha Xi chapter will celebrate **50 years** on campus this coming May! To commemorate the anniversary, an open house, dinner and other activities are being planned in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Reach out, reconnect, and celebrate the history of AST at MU. FMI and to register contact Michelle Dragowetz Styers '11 at michelle.styers@live.com or 570-974-4636 or Amy DuPree Brooks '80 at ajbrooks293@comcast.net or 570-337-8323.

Sigma Tau Gamma is also celebrating **50 years** at MU and will be hosting a joint open house with Alpha Sigma Tau. Both organizations will be hosting separate reunion celebrations on Saturday evening. FMI or to register for the Sigma Tau Gamma events, contact Tony Confer '97 at confert@comcast.net.

Throughout the day students will host **tours of North Hall, bus tours of campus and tours of the new residence facilities**. Save some time for shopping at the **Campus Bookstore** located in Alumni Hall and enjoy some refreshments on the 5th Floor of North Hall, compliments of the **MU Foundation**.

Come to our **"Give to Get"** cocktail hour to find out how you can help current MU students build professional networks and connect with internship opportunities. Amy O'Rourke '77 will provide the opening welcome and will discuss how giving back to MU in this way can benefit you and your employer. Be sure to bring your business card to be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

Lobsterfest! The tradition continues... Join us for a delicious feast of lobster, shrimp and Steamship Round of Beef. Sit back, relax, and savor the delicious food and the wonderful company. Following dinner we'll enjoy the musical entertainment of Acoustic Pawnshop, featuring Judith Hibbs Noldy '98 and Matt Noldy '98 (www.facebook.com/acousticpawnshop). Complimentary adult beverages.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Following the **Class Meetings** and **Class Photos**, we'll be honoring class years ending in **5** and **0** with special recognition for the **Class of 1965**, retired faculty and administrators, and the newest members of the Alumni Society of Honors at **Saturday's Luncheon**. Reunion classes will be seated together.

Following lunch, there will be student-hosted **tours of North Hall**, guided **bus tours of campus**, guided **tours of the new residence facilities**.

Mansfield University has a large percentage of married alumni – roughly 13 percent – and during this Alumni Weekend we want to celebrate those **Mansfield Mergers!** Whether you met in Mansfield or beyond the eastern hill, Mansfield Mergers are a special part of our alma mater's history. As part of that tradition, the MU Foundation and the MU Alumni Association hope you will join us for our **1st annual Mansfield Merger wedding vow renewal ceremony** on Saturday, June 13. The 3:00 pm program will be held in North Hall's first floor atrium. All Mansfield Mates will be receiving a special invitation to join other Mansfield Mates to renew their vows. An ice cream social will begin immediately following the program at the home of President and Mrs. Francis Hendricks. This special event is complimentary for all MU couples.

President Hendricks and his wife, **Connie**, invite you to the President's residence to **Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!**

Be prepared to enjoy the Twelfth Annual College Place **Tennis Ball Race** – a FUNdraising (spectator) event to benefit the MU Women's Soccer Team! Contact Coach Tim Dempsey for more information at tdempsey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4454.

The **MU Alumni Association Board of Directors** invites you to join them for **Game Night** in the new game room in the Alumni Hall Student Center. Pizza, wings and complimentary adult beverages.

Check the website... for updates regarding
Alumni Weekend and a list of registered guests at
alumni.mansfield.edu/AW2015

REGISTRATION

Please complete this form and return with payment no later than Friday, June 5, 2015.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Class Year _____

Please list who will be arriving with you and their class year if Mansfield Alumnus: _____

Please indicate if you require handicapped parking: ☐ Yes ☐ No Details: _____

Please provide details if you have a severe food allergy/restriction: _____

EVENTS

Please indicate the events you will be attending:

Some events have limited capacity. Reservations will be processed based on date of payment/registration.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8 a.m. GOLF TOURNAMENT, Corey Creek Golf Club.....# _____ of reservations x \$ _____ = \$ _____
Price includes lunch, most contests and all fees. \$100 pp/non-member, \$85 pp/member of Corey Creek Golf Club

6:30 p.m. LOBSTERFEST BUFFET DINNER (Features a whole Maine lobster)

Lobster, Steamship Round of Beef & Shrimp.....# _____ of reservations x \$49 pp = \$ _____

OR

Steamship Round of Beef & Shrimp.....# _____ of reservations x \$38 pp = \$ _____

Complimentary adult beverages provided

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9 a.m. CLASS RECEPTION, meeting & photo.....# _____ attending x no charge = \$ _____ NC

Noon ALUMNI WEEKEND LUNCHEON.....# _____ attending x \$20 pp = \$ _____

There is no charge for members of the Class of 1965, Society of Honors recipients, retired faculty, or members of the reunion classes of 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945 and 1940. All other guests are \$20 per person. (Entree will feature a chicken breast)

_____ attending x no charge = \$ _____ NC

3 p.m. MANSFIELD MERGERS VOW RENEWAL.....# _____ attending x no charge = \$ _____ NC

3:30 p.m. CREATE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAE.....# _____ attending x no charge = \$ _____ NC

6 p.m. GAME NIGHT with MUAA Board of Directors.....# _____ attending x no charge = \$ _____ NC

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING IN SPRUCE RESIDENCE HALL

Reservation fee includes a light continental breakfast and linens (sheets, blanket, pillow and towel). Please note: rooms in the new residence facilities are climate-controlled and include a private bathroom. Items you may want to bring: wash cloth, additional towel(s), alarm clock, clothing hangers.

Room reservation: # _____ people x \$50 pp x # _____ nights = \$ _____

Arrival: I/we will be arriving at approximately (time) _____ on (date) _____

Departure: I/we will be departing at approximately (time) _____ on (date) _____

Mail to arrive by June 5:

**MU Alumni Office, G-7 Alumni Hall,
31 S. Academy Street, Mansfield, PA 16933**

☐ Check enclosed payable to: **TOTAL \$** _____
MUF, Inc. – Alumni Weekend

☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ MC ☐ Visa

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

When you FIRST arrive ON CAMPUS, please go directly to registration: Thursday & Friday – Alumni Hall ground floor lobby; Saturday – North Hall or Alumni Hall (see schedule). If you have reservations to stay in on-campus housing and arrive after the registration desk is closed, please go directly to the residence hall, located on the south end of campus.

2015 Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

EARLY ARRIVAL REGISTRATION 3–8 pm

Alumni Hall ground floor lobby – *Registration packet will include name badge, confirmation for all pre-paid meals & events, listing of all registered attendees, campus map, any updates or changes to event schedule.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:30–9:30 am, Spruce Lounge, Residence Hall Guests

REGISTRATION 8 am–4:30 pm, Alumni Hall ground floor, after 4:30, Main Manser

NORTH HALL OPEN 8 am–4 pm, Hosted tours beginning on the hour 9 am–3 pm, 5th floor – *complimentary refreshments provided by MU Foundation*

CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN 8 am–4 pm, Alumni Hall, Special discounts for MU Alumni!

GOLF TOURNAMENT 8 am, Corey Creek Golf Club, Shotgun start at 8:30 am

FOOD COURT OPEN FOR LUNCH 11:30 am–1:30 pm, Lower Manser

GUIDED BUS TOUR OF CAMPUS 1:15–2:15 pm, (Meet near Laurel)

GUIDED TOUR OF NEW RESIDENCE FACILITIES 2:30–3:30 pm, Spruce

GUIDED BUS TOUR OF CAMPUS 4 pm (Meet near Laurel)

“GIVE TO GET” NETWORKING COCKTAIL HOUR 5–6 pm, Main Manser Don’t forget your business card!

LOBSTERFEST 6:30 pm, Main Manser, *Suggested attire: resort casual/casual*

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT–ACOUSTIC PAWNSHOP 8–11 pm, featuring Judith Hibbs Noldy ’98 and Matt Noldy ’98, Manser, *Light refreshments*

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:30–9:30 am, Spruce Lounge, Residence Hall Guests

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8–10:30 am

CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN 11 am–4 pm, Alumni Hall

REGISTRATION AND CLASS RECEPTION 9–10 am, North Hall, (All classes, except 1965) *Coffee & pastries*

CLASS MEETINGS & CLASS PHOTOS 10–11:30 am, North Hall

1965 CLASS OF 1965 AND GUESTS Manser Dining, Southside

REGISTRATION AND CLASS RECEPTION 9–9:30 am

CLASS OF 1965 MEETING 9:30–11:30 am, Class photo at 11:30

ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON Noon–2:15 pm, North Dining, Manser Hall – *Honoring reunion classes, Society of Honors, and retired faculty and administrators. Suggested attire – coat and/or tie for men, dress or pantsuits for women.*

GUIDED TOURS OF NORTH HALL 2:30 & 3:30 pm

GUIDED BUS TOURS OF CAMPUS 2:30 & 3:30 pm, Meet at Student Mall, Center Campus

GUIDED TOURS OF NEW RESIDENCE HALL 3 & 4 pm, Spruce

MANSFIELD MERGERS 3 pm, Renew your vows in North Hall’s 1st Floor Atrium

CREATE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAE 3:30–5:30 pm, President’s Residence

COLLEGE PLACE TENNIS BALL RACE 5 pm, Adjacent to Student Mall

GAME NIGHT 6–7:30 pm, with the MUAA Board of Directors, Alumni Hall Student Center

ALPHA SIGMA TAU REUNION 6 pm, North Manser

SIGMA TAU GAMMA REUNION 6:30–10:30 pm, Spruce Multipurpose

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:30–9:30 am Spruce Lounge, Residence Hall Guests

RESIDENCE HALL CHECKOUT 8–10 am

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Fran Hendricks, Brig. Gen. USAF (Retired) ’79

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“To me, alumni should be advocates and positive role models for the students. We need to be proactive in guiding prospective students who are searching for the right school and encourage them to consider Mansfield. This should be at the forefront of our commitment to the university that gave so much to us. Be a part of your alma mater, attend events, get involved, share your experiences. As an alumnus, you are a valuable asset to the future of Mansfield University. I look forward to welcoming you to campus or meeting you at a university event. If you have not been back for a long time, you will be pleasantly surprised.”

Sharon Mokrzyński Kendrick '81
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Higher Education's Coxswain of Change



Similar to the calls of the diminutive-in-size coxswain to the larger rowers within the same boat, Mansfield University finds itself voicing a cadence of change across the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). This



intonation of transformation emanating from a smaller version of its larger state system sister institutions became noticeably audible when the members of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) unanimously voted Mansfield to join its select ranks in January 2015. COPLAC restricts membership to one school per state. Mansfield is now the COPLAC representative for Pennsylvania, a niche Mansfield is well suited for and ready to promote for the benefit of the Commonwealth and its students.

In the wake of joining COPLAC, other higher education distinctions were conferred upon Mansfield University. In the spring, Colleges of Distinction added Mansfield to its Academic Year 2015-16 list. Soon thereafter, Mansfield was named one of the top 100 Best Value Schools in the Nation and #14 in the Northeast. Most recently, Mansfield was invited to be a partner in the Council of Student Opportunity. This was a gratifying accolade from an organization which

identifies colleges and universities with a strong track record of success among first-generation students. Mansfield is the first public school in Pennsylvania to be asked to be a partner.

Other signs of charting a different tack came later in the year with the introduction of Mansfield's inventive Tuition Enhanced Award for Merit (TEAM) program. Under TEAM, incoming students have their tuition adjusted based on prior merit. TEAM's attractive, multi-tiered tuition reduction program, based on documented merit in high school or at other colleges, brought nearly 100 new students to Mansfield this fall. They came from as far away as Texas, Connecticut, Florida and Ecuador. Recent visitors to campus interested in our programs of instruction and TEAM have come from locations even farther away, including Alaska and China.

In October, the PASSHE Board of Governors approved Mansfield's request to freeze tuition. Beginning in fall 2016 all students will have their tuition frozen for eight semesters over a five-year period or until their first degree is conferred. The program is called FIT, an acronym for Freeze Individualized Tuition. FIT demonstrates the University's commitment to access and affordability while introducing predictability and stability to tuition cost. Other expected outcomes include increases in retention, student persistence, academic profile, and four-year graduation rates.

Innovations such as FIT and TEAM should not come as a shock; in fact, they should be expected. Remember, Mansfield is the first school in the nation to certify music teachers (1865), we introduced the world to night football (1892), and just last spring we were the first to use a 3D printer to produce a cartographically accurate map utilizing geospatial data gathered by our own unmanned aerial vehicle fleet. Five provisional patents covering the methodology developed are being explored. In true Mansfield tradition, the students and faculty involved share the stage equally as accolades from other universities across the globe acknowledge their pioneering effort.

It is the coxswain who calls the cadence that the rowers follow. And Mansfield University is one of higher education's coxswains of change.

I am H2S...Here to Serve!

Very respectfully,
Francis L. Hendricks '79
Brig. Gen., USAF (retired)
President

New Tuition Program to be Implemented

With the goal of increasing retention, student persistence and four-year graduation rates, Mansfield University will launch a new tuition pilot program in the fall of 2016.

The Freeze Individualized Tuition (FIT) program will charge tuition on a per-credit basis for all undergraduate students and freeze that tuition rate for eight consecutive fall and spring semesters. This pilot program is based on a four-year plan. A student's tuition will not increase for eight semesters, excluding summer or winter terms, or until the first degree is conferred, whichever occurs first.

"As part of our commitment to provide access and affordability to all students, we continue to explore innovative ways such as FIT to control costs and provide opportunity to our students," MU President Fran Hendricks said. "We believe this pilot program will increase enrollment while also increasing retention, student persistence, academic profile and four-year graduation rates."

FIT will replace the current hybrid model in which students enrolled in 12–18 credits are charged a flat rate,

and students who are not full-time are charged on a per-credit basis. At the time of implementation, per-credit tuition for all students with less than 90 credits earned to date will be frozen for subsequent academic semesters. Students with 90 or more credits will have the option either to pay the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's (PASSHE) per-credit rate or participate in FIT.

"This innovative program puts Mansfield University in a leadership position in addressing the rising cost of higher education," according to Ralph Meyer, chairman of the MU Council of Trustees. "Freezing tuition increases for eight consecutive semesters will help students financially over the course of their education, and assist them in planning their higher education expenses. This program is also consistent with PASSHE's mission of providing high quality education at an affordable cost."

"We appreciate the support of the Mansfield Council of Trustees and PASSHE Board of Governors in approving FIT for implementation,"



Hendricks said. "Increasing costs and concerns about student debt are major issues facing higher education and we believe this program helps to address those issues and gives our students and their parents some cost assurance."

FIT will be in place as a pilot program until 2019, at which time it will be evaluated to measure its effectiveness and viability. Graduate courses as well as summer and winter courses are not included in the program.

For more information on FIT, go to mansfield.edu/fit



Andee Dunham '04 and NASPA Intern Renaldo "Reggie" Gacad

Summers at Mansfield benefit Leaders of Tomorrow

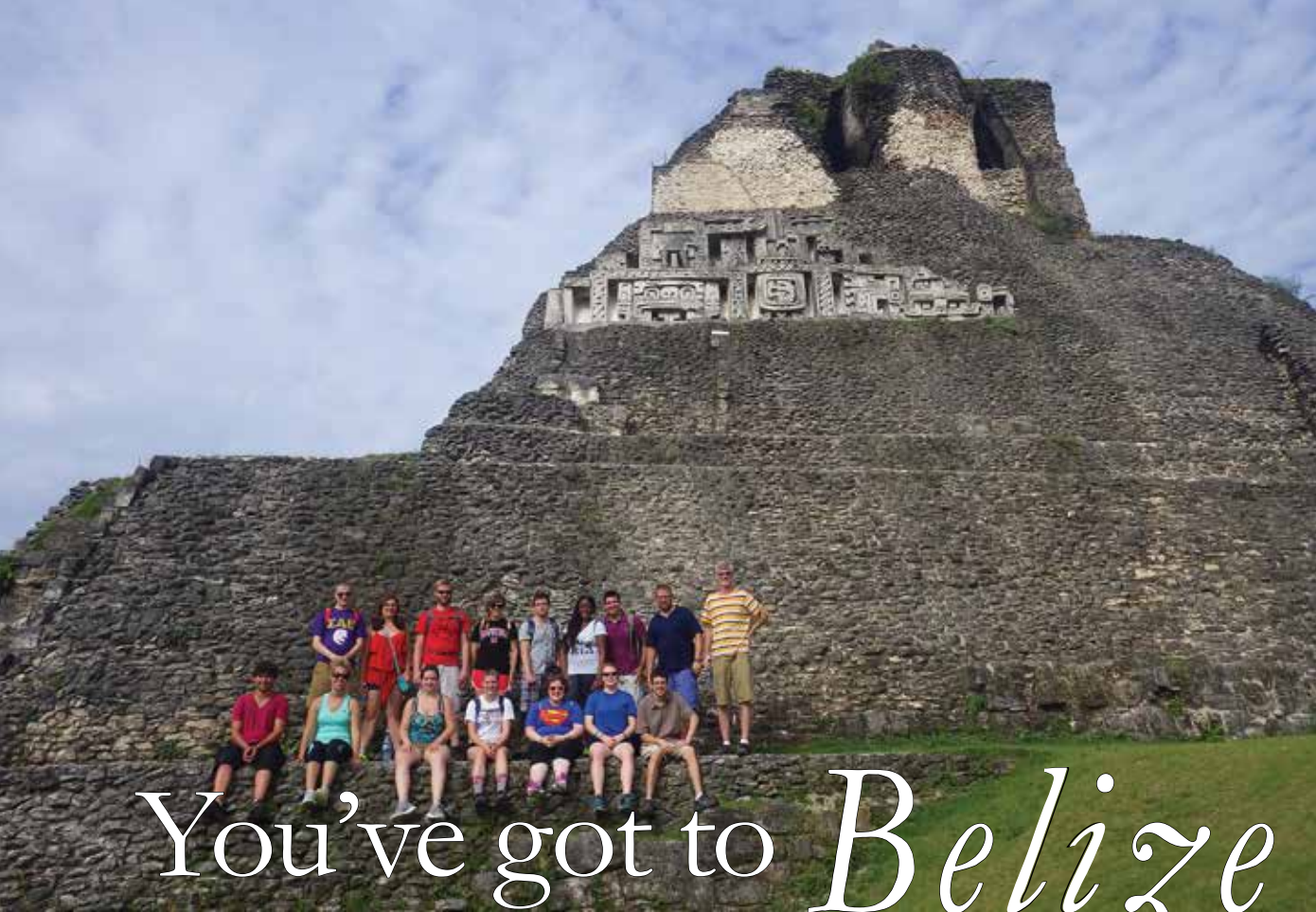
Over the past two summers, students from the NASPA Summer Graduate Internship Program have worked as integral members of the Mansfield Office of Student Life and Transition.

In 2014, Renaldo "Reggie" Gacad, a graduate student at the University of Georgia, and in 2015, Jordan Todd from Penn State University worked with Andee Dunham '04,

associate director for Student Life and Student Transition, and the rest of the MU Student Life staff on summer orientation programs and planning for the fall semester welcome for new students.

"If you love the idea of empowering students, the Office of Student Life and Transition's internship is where you should

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You've got to *Belize*

Summer Course Opens Student's Eyes to a Whole New World

Belize, a small Central American country about the size of Massachusetts with a population of just over 300,000, has become the summer destination of choice for many Mansfield students and faculty. And it's not for vacation, although some time at the beach is involved.

Led by Professors Jeffrey Bosworth and Jonathan C. Rothermel of the History and Political Science Department, students from a wide variety of majors taking the summer class PSC 4455: Field Research in Belize, have spent two weeks in country doing field research the last two years.

"Belize represents an excellent opportunity for students to see the problems that face a developing country, particularly with regard to globalization and environmental protection and it has the added benefit of being English-speaking and a multi-ethnic democracy," Bosworth said.

Each student selects a research question prior to arriving in Belize and focused their field research on gathering information about their topic and developing their theses.

Students have met with a wide range of people including the Speaker of the House for the National Assembly and other government officials, an American expatriate citrus farmer, local entrepreneurs, a managing

director of a wildlife sanctuary, Mayan tour guides, Mennonite chicken and dairy farmers, professors from the University of Belize, and representatives from the US Embassy, just to name a few.

While in Belize, students visited historical Mayan sites, including Altun Ha and Xunantunich. They also ventured deep into the Actun Tunichil Muknal cave, at times submersed into water up to their shoulders, to see Mayan pottery vessels and human remains believed to have been sacrificed, including the mostly intact skeletal remains of a woman (who many now believe to be a man) for whom the cave is named after. While most of the trip was spent in the interior of the country, mainly San Ignacio, students traveled to one of Belize's beautiful tropical cays for the final leg of the trip.

"Most people we met in Belize assumed we were archaeologists or biologists, and they seemed surprised – if not slightly amused – when we told them we were political



(Photo on opposite page) MU students and faculty at Xunantunich, Belize in June 2014. (Above left) Students geared up for cave tubing in June 2015. (Above right) Sarah Estes interned at the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary during the summer of 2015.

scientists,” Rothermel said. “Belizeans were very forthright about sharing their political views and their concern for the future of their country was evident in conversations that we had with them.”

Students learned about how Belize, a developing country, is trying to balance the need for economic development with environmental and historical conservation.

Tourism is an important source of income for Belize, but there is concern by some that tourism, foreign investment, and even oil drilling, which are fueled by global forces, are threatening Belizean sovereignty. Although sustainable economic development is desired, a government faced with a 40% poverty rate is pressured to produce immediate short-term gains for its people.

“I appreciate what I have here in the states so much more based on how happy the people of Belize are with so little,” Ariel Faber said.

“They are grateful for what they have and are able to enjoy life with simple necessities,” Madisen Slagle said. “I think our country and a majority of the world could learn a few things from visiting Belize.”

“Being in Belize made me realize what we consider poor is not even close to the real thing,” Danielle Cole added.

Anthony Magistro appreciated the simplicity of the Belizean lifestyle, which emphasizes a “go slow” attitude. “Belize changed my perspective on what amenities I would be comfortable living without,” he said. “I was pleasantly surprised at how easily I found it to go about my day without something as seemingly basic as cell phone service.”

The friendliness and hospitality of the Belizeans quickly won over the students. Kelsy Woodman loved the connections she made with the locals during the trip. “Being able to study in a developing country, eating

local food, and talking to locals was one of the greatest experiences I’ve had in my life,” Woodman said.

Interestingly, private initiatives in Belize have been successful in promoting environmental conservation among its people. The bottom-up approach to environmentalism empowers communities to take charge of protecting their natural resources. For example, students visited the Community Baboon Sanctuary, where landowners have voluntarily pledged to keep habitat on their land for the black howler monkey. Their efforts have resulted in a sizable increase in the black howler monkey population. The Belize Zoo, the Iguana Project, and the Belize Wildlife and Referral Clinic are other examples.

In the end, the ultimate purpose of the course is to expose students to the world beyond the United States. For many, it is a transformative experience.

“Although my time in Belize was relatively short, the experiences I had will last a lifetime,” Tracey LaFrance said. “Everywhere I turned during my time there made me take pause to think about how different the country was from anything I have experienced.”

“I believe that studying abroad in Belize was a life-changing experience, helping me to discover a part of myself and learn so much more about the world I live in,” Jalise Clark said.

Three of the 14 students who made the trip in 2014 returned to Belize in 2015 to take advantage of internship opportunities.

Bosworth and Rothermel are well into their plans for this coming summer’s trip. In fact, when they travel to Belize to complete their planning over spring break in March, they’re taking a group of fellow faculty and staff with them.

To see pictures and information on the trips, go to facebook.com/MUBelize2014





Mansfield University Field Hockey

100 Years **Strong**

If only Irene Aubrey could have been there. You only turn 100 years old once and Mansfield University celebrated the historical milestone of the Mountaineer field hockey program in grand style with a season long celebration this fall.

The Centennial event was capped with a special day of recognition as part of Mansfield's LUMA 2015 celebration on Saturday, October 10. The historical gathering was attended by scores upon scores of former players, coaches, and staff as well as families and friends.

Returning players were feted to a celebration worthy of the ages starting with being the guests of honor of the university and athletic program for the day. A pregame tailgate under a tent on Helen Lutes Field commenced the celebration with returning players receiving special limited-edition MU Field Hockey Centennial shirts, centennial pins and glasses.

Pregame ceremonies were held prior to the Mountaineers game with Kutztown on Karl Van Norman Field. Dozens upon dozens of former players and coaches on hand for the ceremonial first goal of the second century of field hockey scored by field hockey alum Cindy Miller Heckrote Class of 1979.

Special edition fireworks lit the sky afterward and every member of the current Mountaineer team embraced each returning alumni player.

The game itself also had special meaning on such an historic day, featuring two Mountaineer field hockey alums at the helm of both programs. Mansfield Brittany Kostishion Hansrote Class of 2009 was directing the Mountaineers while former Mountaineers standout Marci Lippert Scheuing Class of 2005, guided Kutztown. The contest itself was televised-live to a regional audience.

A post-game reception held in Decker Gymnasium and featured a decade-by-decade wall display featuring great moments, exceptional wins and legendary coaches of the program's history. A loop of the widely-acclaimed Mansfield University Field Hockey Centennial video played consistently drawing large and appreciative crowds.

During the buffet dinner, former teammates, many bringing their spouses and children or other family members, caught up on news and swapped memories of their playing days. Laughter frequently echoed off the walls on First Citizens Community Bank court before the start of the LUMA celebration.

At LUMA that evening, the returning players and well

as the current team, were special guest of honor for the ceremonial "Flipping of the Switch" that turned on the lights of Karl Van Norman Field in celebration of Mansfield's place in world history as the Birthplace of Night Football.

Mansfield is the first PSAC institution to celebrate a field hockey centennial and by known accounts one of the few in the entire country to do so.

It's an historical milestone that may have never occurred had it not been for a young immigrant from Wales by the name of Irene Aubrey.

Aubrey, whose father was a minister, came to the United States in 1913 and settled in the Wilkes-Barre area. She matriculated to Mansfield in 1915 where her outgoing personality made an immediate impact on the other members of the freshman class.

Aubrey was a leader and liked to have fun. She quickly introduced the game of field hockey, which she played in Wales and Scotland, to the freshman class at the then named Mansfield State Normal School. Although just 16 years old, Aubrey soon had the freshman class challenging the sophomore class and, as they say, the game was on - and has been ever since.

The field hockey tradition continued after Aubrey graduated in 1917. Aubrey left Mansfield for a teaching opportunity at the Montreat Ladies Normal School in North Carolina and later in the Wilkes-Barre area. She would marry a young man by the name of Herbert Hart who was a former football star and member of the Purdue Hall of Fame. She passed away in Napa, California at the ripe old age of 93 in 1991.

For the next 50 years, field hockey was played at Mansfield as an interclass competition held in the fall, between teams representing each class. By the 1920s, the playing field had moved downtown to Smythe Park organized by the Girl's Athletic Club. The season, much like today, ran from September through November ending with Thanksgiving.

Field hockey continued much like that until after World War II and the arrival of Helen Lutes to campus. Lutes ran the Women's Athletic Association for the next 20

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years, committed to enhancing the athletic experience and opportunities for “her girls”. In addition to contests between the classes, Lutes also arranged College Days, taking teams from different women’s sports on campus and traveling to other colleges for day-long competitions.

By the time the go-go 1960s arrived, Mansfield and society was changing for the better. The school was expanding and society was changing. One year after the Beatles first visited the United States, Mansfield entered what is considered the modern era of field hockey.

A loosely-formed, but determined team in 1965 played against outside high school competition and those baby steps lead to the formation of what would become an intercollegiate program in 1967. Under the direction of Ms. Ethel “Randy” Moser, that first intercollegiate team posted a 1-1-1 record.

The next year a larger and better team beat Bloomsburg 2-1 on Kathy Stoyke’s winning-goal and by 1969 the program posted a perfect 5-0 record.

The 1970s saw explosive growth at MSC and the field hockey program was no exception. A milestone occurred mid-decade with the dedication of Spaulding Field, giving the field hockey program the first field it could truly call home.

In 1984 things changed again when Mansfield became

Mansfield University with the team celebrating the name change by posting an 8-4 record. Liz Brunner became the first field hockey player in school history to be named MU Fall Athlete of the Year and the legendary Helen Lutes fittingly became the first women ever inducted into the Mansfield University Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

A year earlier, the colorful Dr. Art DeGenaro took over as head coach of the program.

Dr. D as he was known to all, would continue at the helm of the program serving as one of the few male head coaches in the sport in the nation until 1991.

DeGenaro was succeeded by a young Edith Gallagher who coached both the field hockey and softball teams for two seasons before relinquishing field hockey to Tracey Houk who guided the team for two seasons before leaving for Ithaca.

Vickie Sax took over shortly before the start of the 1996 season and started an instant transformation of the program. An outstanding recruiter and a very successful high school coach in the Binghamton area before coming to Mansfield, Sax put the program on a firm foundation, posting a 9-7 record in 1997, before taking the head softball coaching position at Division I Colgate.

Diane Monkiewicz took over after Sax in 1998 and the Mountaineers would achieve some of their greatest milestones during her tenure. In 1998, Gretchen Reschke became the program’s first All-American and would go on

When field hockey was first played at Mansfield the campus consisted of four main buildings and as any recent visitor can quickly see – things have changed since then.



to earn the honor three more times before her career ended.

In 2001 Mansfield earned its first-ever post season title when freshman Jen Lechner scored two second half goals to rally the Mountaineers to a 2-1 win over Assumption for the ECAC Division II Championship and a still school-record 13-7 final record.

Two seasons later Mansfield would be back in the playoffs – this team earning the program's first-ever PSAC playoff berth before dropping a thrilling 2-1 first-round decision to No. 1 ranked Bloomsburg.

A year later Mansfield was named the top academic field hockey team in the nation with the highest team GPA in Division II field hockey, proving they had brains and talent. Heather Long also set an NCAA record of 341 saves that season.



The Mounties earned their second PSAC playoff appearance in 2010. Two years later would mark the final season at the grass-turfed Spalding Field with the team sending the their old home out in style with a 4-2 win over No. 3 ranked Bloomsburg.

The first home game on the newly installed artificial-turfed Karl Van Norman Field was historical in more ways than one. Held as part of the school's first-ever LUMA celebration, the game attracted a still-standing NCAA national record crowd of 2,011 fans – the largest attendance at a regular season field hockey game ever in NCAA history.

The program came full-circle when Brittany Kostishon Hansrote, a four-year starter and two-time All-American as an undergrad, became the first MU alum to be named head coach of the Mountaineer field hockey program.

When field hockey was first played at Mansfield the campus consisted of four main buildings and as any recent visitor can quickly see – things have changed since then.

But the one thing that hasn't changed in 100 years is the special bonds field hockey has created at this magical place called Mansfield.

Mountie Athletes in the News



Marci Lippert Scheuing '05 Named PSAC Field Hockey Coach of the Year

Marci (Lippert) Scheuing, a former standout with the Mountaineer field hockey program as an undergrad, was named the Pennsylvania State

Athletic Conference (PSAC) Field Hockey Coach of the Year for the 2015 season. A member of the Class of 2005, Scheuing was a three-year starter for the Mountaineers and a member of the 2001 ECAC Championship Team. Scheuing, who was a four-year member of the sports information staff at Mansfield as an undergrad, was a graduate student working in sports information at Delaware and Millersville before earning her master's degree and jumping into the coaching ranks. She served as the head coach at Cedar Crest College where she was named Colonial State Athletic Conference Field Hockey Coach of the Year before moving on the Bryn Mawr where she was named the Centennial Conference Coach of the Year in 2012. Mansfield head coach Brittany (Kostishon) Hansrote Class of 2009, served as an assistant coach under Scheuing at Bryn Mawr and Kutztown.



Former Mountaineer Field Hockey and Softball Standout Heather Long '05 Named Pottstown Person of the Year

Heather Long, a former Mountaineer field hockey and softball standout and

member of the Mansfield Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014, was selected as the Person of the Year by the Pottstown Rotary Club. Long, a detective in the Pottstown Police Department specializes in investigating child abuse and sexually based crimes. She is a member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, the county Sexual Assault Task Force, and the multi-disciplinary team at the Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center. It was not the first time Long was recognized for her contribution to the betterment of Pottstown. She was honored as the Pottstown Police Officer of the Year this past May. Long, a member of the Class of 2005, still holds the NCAA records for saves in a season and career as an All-American goalie in field hockey and was an All-PSAC softball selection.

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Wesley College Names Football Field in Honor of Former Mountie Mike Drass '88

Mike Drass, a former Mountaineer football standout and member of the Mansfield Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2010, is widely

recognized as one of the most successful college coaches in the country. Drass, who served as an assistant coach under Tom Elsasser at Mansfield after graduating as a member of the Class of 1988, is in his 23rd season as the head coach at Wesley College, an NCAA Division III school in Delaware. Drass has guided his Wolverines to NCAA playoff berths in each of the last 10 seasons including a quarterfinals appearance in 2014. Wesley honored Drass early this season christening the turf at Scott D. Miller Stadium as the Mike Drass Field. The unveiling occurred the same day the No. 5 Wolverines beat Christopher Newport 44-24 making Drass just the 74th coach in collegiate football history to win 200 games. Ironically the head coach of Christopher Newport is Matt Kelchner, son of former Mansfield University President and head football coach Rod Kelchner.



Delaney Meadows Named PSAC Freshman of the Year

Delaney Meadows, the record-setting forward for the Mansfield University women's soccer team was named the PSAC Rookie of Year in voting conducted among the PSAC head coaches.

Meadows scored a school-record 12 goals in 16 games for the Mountaineers this season. She ended the regular season tied for second in the PSAC in goals and goals per game and was third in the conference in points per game. Meadows becomes the first player in the program's 14-year history to be named PSAC Rookie of the Year. The selection is made even more impressive by the fact that PSAC moved to a single division format in 2010, containing all 17 programs. Most other sports play in a multi-division format containing two or three divisions, each with their own Rookie of the Year.



(L-R) Assistant Softball Coach Angie Hunley, Ashley Inman, Head Coach Edith Gallagher

Ashley Inman Receives ECAC Award of Valor

The ECAC Award of Valor is one of the most prestigious honors presented by the ECAC and recognizes an exceptional student-athlete whose courage, motivation and relentless determination serves as an inspiration to all.

That, in a nutshell, describes Mountaineer softball standout Ashley Inman, who received the award at the ECAC Honors Luncheon on September 28 in Danbury, CT.

The junior pitcher was recognized for her inspirational and courageous comeback from emergency brain surgery to return to the softball diamond where she won 75% of the team's games in 2015.

"I love playing softball and I love being with my teammates and coaches," Inman said. "I was in a lot of pain before they found out what was wrong and sometimes I wonder why it happened to me. But I try

not to think about what could have happened and instead be thankful that I'm still able to do what I love to do."

A strong contingent of MU representatives were on hand to see Inman become the first Mansfield student-athlete to receive the ECAC honor including President Fran Hendricks '79 and his wife Connie, Vice President for Student Affairs Chris Bridges, Head Softball Coach Edith Gallagher and Assistant Coach Angie Hunley, Ryan MacNamara from the Sports Information Office and Chyenne Bostwick '15 of the Marketing video team that produced the much heralded video "The Comeback Kid."

"A terrific honor for an exceptionally deserving person," Gallagher said. "Ashley's been

an inspiration to all of us. To see her come back and fight through everything she did just for the opportunity to come back and play softball again is something that awes us all."

Also on hand were a pair of Mansfield football alumni. Freddie Coleman '87, the popular host of ESPN Radio's Freddie Coleman Show and Don Faulstick '86. Faulstick was the starting quarterback and Coleman was a starting wide receiver at Mansfield under head coach Tom Elsasser.

Faulstick, now the director of Athletics at Amherst College, was accepting the ECAC Division III Institution of the Year Award for Amherst.

Inman's story is chronicled in a video on the MU Athletics



YouTube channel at [youtube.com/watch?v=wYVIQU_T54s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYVIQU_T54s)

Presidential Coin Marks New Tradition

The Mansfield University Presidential Coin for Excellence was developed by President Fran Hendricks '79 to be awarded selectively to persons who have

contributed greatly to the university, using the creed as a guideline.

Designed by Andy Worthington of the Department of Marketing, the coin bears several symbols representing historical highlights and other aspects of the university that make it distinctive.

The front side of the coin shows a football and bursts of light in commemoration of the world's first night football game played by Mansfield in 1892; the flame of knowledge; 15 rays of light symbolizing the number of members of the first graduating class, 12 women and three men in 1866; a book with an inkwell and G Clef, a reference that Mansfield Classical Seminary was the first institution to accredit music teachers; and the words, "Semper Honorus," which is Latin for Always with Honor.

The back side of the coin lists the various names the university

has had, including, Mansfield Normal School, Mansfield Classical Seminary, Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield State College and Mansfield University. It bears the university creed of "Character, Scholarship, Culture, Service." North Hall, the university's oldest and most distinguished building, is also prominently displayed.

The rope cut around the edge symbolizes that which binds our present to our past, symbolizes the close-knit of our community and provides the means to capture our future.

In its first year of existence, coins have been awarded to former presidents, students, faculty and others.

For more information on the Mansfield University Presidential Coin for Excellence, and to see who it has been awarded to, go to president.mansfield.edu/coin-for-excellence/



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be,” Gacad said of his experience. “Having the chance to supervise two student leaders every day and to advise them and counsel them through making the experience their own has been incredible. And furthermore, seeing the Mountie Ambassador team every other week learn and grow and develop into leaders of tomorrow is an unrivaled benefit to this position. The supervisory opportunities here have been phenomenal and I’ve been truly given license to try and experience it first-hand.”

“The breadth of this experience allowed me to research and develop a new orientation model for the institution, something that I know will have a lasting impact on the university,” Todd said. “The support

that I received from the office, students, and administrators was phenomenal. I knew that everyone wanted me to succeed and provided the tools and opportunities necessary for success.”

Their Mansfield experience affirmed Gacad and Todd’s goal of a career in academic student life.

“The Student Life staff’s passion for their university and this work is clear in everything they do, and they pushed me to do better,” Todd said. “This internship allowed me to build a team that trusted each other and that was committed to new students and families.”



Andee Dunham '04 and NASPA Intern Jordan Todd

Faculty Publications

Jimmy Guignard, associate professor of English and chair of the English and Modern Languages (EML) Department, has had his book, *Pedaling the Sacrifice Zone: Teaching, Writing, and Living above the Marcellus Shale*, published by Texas A&M University Press.

In addition to his duties in the EML Department, Guignard teaches mountain biking at MU.

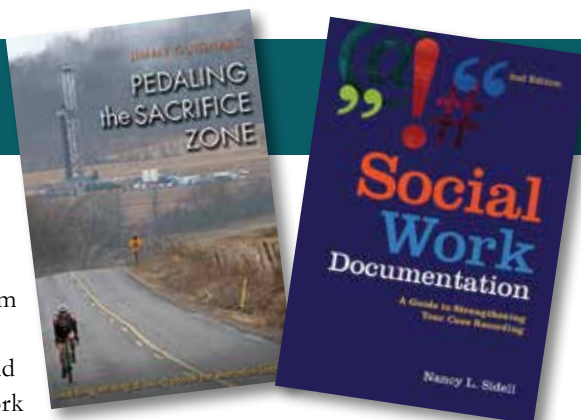
In its review, Texas A&M University Press says, “... Juggling his roles as disinterested professor, anxious father and citizen and reluctant activist, Guignard reveals how the rhetoric of industry, politicians and locals reshaped his understanding of teaching and his faith in the force of language.”

Pedaling the Sacrifice Zone: Teaching, Writing, and Living

above the Marcellus Shale is available at amazon.com

Nancy Sidell, interim dean of the College of Professional Studies and professor of Social Work at Mansfield University, has had the second edition of her book, *Social Work Documentation: A Guide to Strengthening Your Case Recording*, published by National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Press.

The second edition is an update to Sidell’s 2011 book on the importance of developing effective social work documentation skills. The new edition aims to help practitioners build writing skills in a variety of settings. New materials include updates on current



practice issues such as electronic case recording.

“I wrote this book with the hope of guiding others through the world of documentation,” Sidell said in the interview. “Practitioners are expected to arrive in positions with excellent skill sets and equally impressive writing skills, but the latter is often overlooked.”

To read the entire interview, go to socialworkersspeak.org

Social Work Documentation, 2nd Edition is available at naswpress.org

Morris Run Legion Contributes to Military Scholarship Fund at MU

The Morris Run, PA American Legion Post 167 contributed \$3,000 to the Members of the Military Scholarship Fund at Mansfield University.

Post Commander Andrew Beaderman made the presentation to MU President Fran Hendricks.

“The American Legion Post 167 places high priority on furthering one’s education,” Beaderman said. “Mansfield University Foundation gave us an opportunity to donate for scholarships to assist our fellow veterans.”

“On behalf of our veteran and active duty students who will benefit from this, we thank the Morris Run Legion for their support,” Hendricks said. “We also thank the Legion members for their service in defense of our nation.”

“Mansfield University is very

fortunate to have partnerships with strong local organizations, such as the Morris Run American Legion, who believe that it is a priority to assist those who have served our country reach their educational goals,” Josh Battin, coordinator of Military and Veteran Affairs and assistant professor of Criminal Justice Administration,” said.

“We cannot thank Commander Beaderman and the members of American Legion Post 167 enough for their contributions to this effort.

The Members of the Military Scholarship Fund, established at the Mansfield University Foundation in 2014, provides recognition and financial assistance to veterans and active duty personnel to assist and enable members of the military to pursue a college education.

The scholarship fund is



American Legion Post 167 Commander Andrew Beaderman and MU President Fran Hendricks.

supported by private contributions and is offered to eligible current members of the military and veterans who have been honorably discharged from military service.

To learn more about contributing to the Members of the Military Scholarship Fund, go to mansfield.edu/support-mu

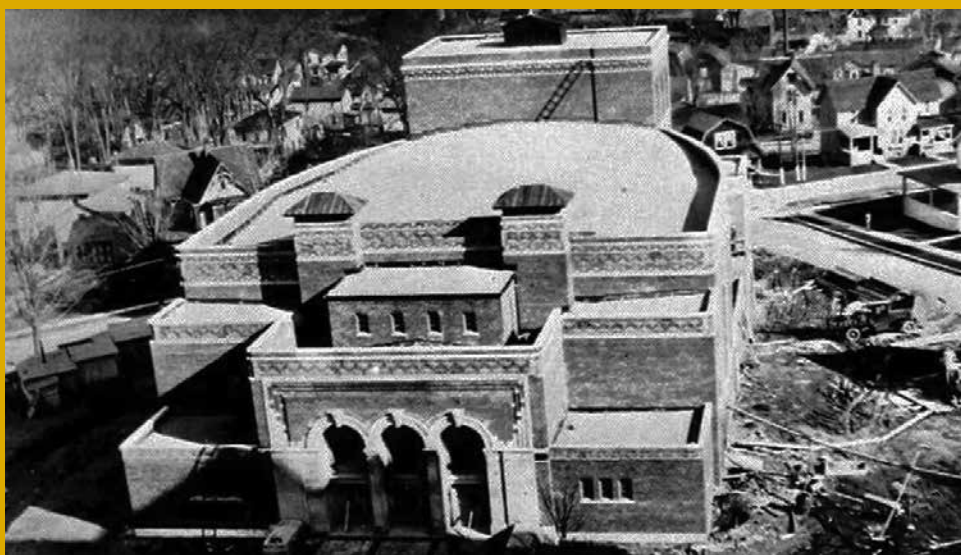
To learn more about the support and benefits offered to veterans and military personnel at Mansfield, go to mansfield.edu/military-veterans/

Mansfield Memories

Since being built in 1930, Straughn Hall has been the scene of countless commencements, convocations, concerts, lectures and other events.

Named for William Straughn, the first school leader to hold the title of president, the facility has undergone several renovations, but none as extensive as this past year.

The finishing touches are being put on a comprehensive year-long renovation that will bring Straughn Hall back on lone as a state-of-the-art facility, while maintaining its



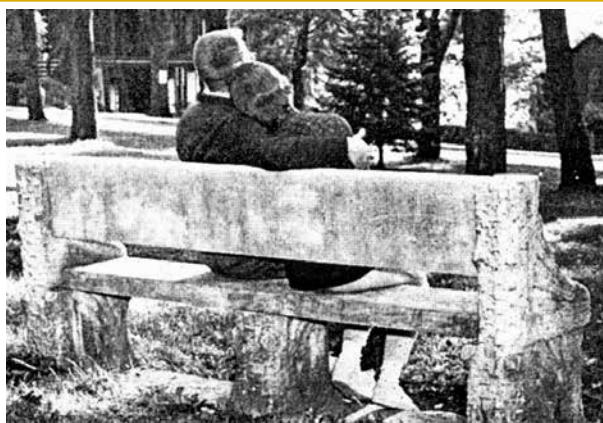
original history and elegance.

Information on the “new” Straughn hall will be contained in the next issue of The Mansfieldian. You’ll also find information at mansfield.edu

Mansfield Mergers

Mansfield University has a large percentage of married alumni couples – roughly 13% and growing every year! To celebrate our special alumni pairings, the MU Foundation launched a new program, Mansfield Mergers. Whether you met while attending Mansfield or beyond the eastern hill, Mansfield Mergers are a special part of our alma mater's history. On Saturday, June 13, during Alumni Weekend, the Foundation hosted the first annual vow renewal program where 44 Mansfield University alumni couples joined together as they said "I Do . . . Again" in front of more than 100 observers gathered in the atrium of the North Hall Library. Alumnus and former Council of Trustee member, the Honorable Richard Cashman '75 was our first officiant of this exciting new Mansfield tradition.

If you and your spouse or partner are a Mansfield Merger, we would love to hear your story. Please email your story and a picture to mufoundation@mansfield.edu to be included on our Mansfieldians in Love Facebook and website pages.



Mansfield Mergers *Fun Fact*

One hundred years ago this year, the Delphic fraternity donated a marble bench to Mansfield University. The bench, which was originally located near the old Alumni Hall and later moved next to the bell outside of Memorial, is a memorial to the old Delphic Fraternity, which was chartered between 1898-1915. Through the years, a tradition at MU arose about the old stone bench. This was the place where the "guy pops the question" and "slides a sparkler on her finger."

A few years ago, the bench was broken, but thanks to the efforts of alumnus Larry Mansfield and today's MU Greeks, the bench was restored for its anniversary year and now sits proudly next to North Hall. This bench is reserved for all our Mansfield couples.





Footsteps to Follow, a Culture of Learning, and Gifts that keep on Giving



Every day, alumni of Mansfield University's Department of Communication are doing extraordinary things with the skills they learned from our distinguished faculty, both current and those since gone, but certainly not forgotten.

Take, for example, 1980 Mansfield graduate Stuart Weiss. Within four years of graduating from Mansfield's Communication Department, Weiss was hired by FOX in Los Angeles as their local news promotion manager. Two years later, NBC hired Weiss and soon after, he was named vice president for creative services. He was in charge of marketing the network's movies, mini-series, specials, Saturday morning and late night programming. In 1995, Weiss left NBC and founded Studio City, the largest and most honored media marketing agency in the country, which later received the very first national Emmy Award for on-air promotion.

Few outside the major may know about the individuals who dedicate their lives to teaching and mentoring students like Weiss, providing them with the foundations that start them on their path to greatness once they leave MU. Two particularly noteworthy former faculty members are Professors Emeritus Vernon Lapps and Michael Leiboff. With more than 75 years of combined service to Mansfield, they have become the cornerstone of Mansfield's Communication

program. They touched the lives of hundreds of students, some of which have gone on to become top broadcasters, journalists and producers in the media world as well as event planners, professors, upper-level executives, human resource managers, and a multitude of other careers.



DR. A. VERNON LAPPS
PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Lapps was a professor of Communication from 1968 to 2004. Over the years, he served as department chair and president of the Faculty Senate in addition to numerous committees throughout his tenure. Among his many contributions,

Lapps founded WNTE, Mansfield's student led radio station and was one of the developers of the Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival, which ran for 22 seasons, drawing storytellers and visitors from around

the country. Upon his retirement, Lapps served as a member of the Mansfield University Foundation Board and continued to be a guiding light for the department.

**MICHAEL D. LEIBOFF,
PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

Leiboff spent most of his life teaching people to communicate better with others. Whether it was a timid freshman in an oral communication class, or a seasoned veteran of the MU forensics team, every student he taught was better for having had him as a guide. Leiboff was a professor in the communication and theater department from 1968 – 1999; serving as department chair for seven of those years, during which time, he was proud to present diplomas to his sons Jeff and Josh, at their graduation ceremonies as they completed communication degrees at MU. Leiboff served as president of the National Forensics Association and established the Forensics program at Mansfield serving as coach until 1985. He was an active member of the campus community and cherished the opportunity to make the university and the Mansfield community better places through service on numerous committees and organizations. Regardless of the many roles he filled during his tenure at Mansfield, those who encountered him knew that he exhibited a genuine interest and concern for the students. He was extremely proud of the many alumni who passed through Mansfield and went on to make their mark on the world.

Although no longer with us, scholarships keep these two distinguished professors and their accomplishments alive in the minds of communication majors today and well into the future.

In 2006, the Michael Leiboff Memorial Scholarship was established by his family in an effort to continue his legacy by encouraging recipients to follow in his footsteps of helping others, serving the campus community and making their own mark on the world.

In 2007, Weiss established the Dr. A. Vernon Lapps Broadcasting Scholarship to assist future promising students who have an interest in broadcasting. Weiss has often told people that Dr. Lapps saw something in him that he did not see in himself. He recounts that during his post-graduation chats with Dr. Lapps, he would share with him his excitement watching the growth of communication department endowments. Dr. Lapps kept a watchful eye on the Michael Leiboff and Arlyne Garrity scholarships created in the memory of these powerful figures that were instrumental in shaping the communication department. “I thought the man who



changed my life more than deserved a scholarship in his own name to watch over. I wanted to honor the life of the man who changed my life so dramatically,” states Weiss.

Thanks to the legacy of academic excellence established by these two faculty members and many others and the generosity of the alums and friends they impacted, today’s communication majors are following in the footsteps of those who came before them. Each year the Communication Department awards these scholarships at COM Day.

“COM Day is an event where alums return to talk to students, we celebrate the end of the year, hand out scholarship awards, have pizza and activities,” said Department Chair Sue Young ’86. “The highlight for me is handing out those scholarships because we know that the money will help the students, and they are thrilled with the recognition. Our COM family always bursts into applause as the students celebrate one another and their hard work.”

This year’s student recipients include Austin Dragovich (Garrity scholarship recipient), Tyanna Roberts (outstanding COM major), Cody Getz (Leiboff scholarship recipient), Greg Eibach (Lapps scholarship recipient), Brittany Blair (Garrity scholarship recipient) and Emilee Andrews (award for high GPA).



“Receiving the Michael D. Leiboff Scholarship was such an honor since he was a very hard working man during his time at Mansfield University,” Getz said “This award means so much to me because it shows me that my hard work around campus is really paying off.”

“It was an amazing feeling to be selected for the Arlyne M. Garrity Scholarship because it lets me know that the work I’m doing is having a positive effect not just on me, but on those around me as well,” Dragovich said.

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Alumni Weekend

More than 400 alumni, family and friends returned to Mansfield University for Alumni Weekend 2015.



Alumni Weekend

To see pictures from Alumni Weekend 2015, go to www.flickr.com/photos/mansfieldu



National Honors Awarded

Two Mansfield University organizations were honored by their national organizations in 2015.

The MU chapter of the Kappa Phi Club, Alpha Zeta, has been awarded the LeSourd Cup from its national organization.

First awarded in 1924, the LeSourd Cup has been awarded at the National Council of Chapters to the chapter that has demonstrated the most improvement, particularly in the areas of growth and development. This is one of three awards that

can be given to an active chapter every two years.

The growth of the MU chapter, as well as increased efforts in programming and service, also led to Alpha Zeta being presented the Rose Banner in spring 2014. The Rose Banner is given to the active chapter who have the highest excellence in planning and executing Kappa Phi programming.

To learn more about the chapter, visit their Facebook page at

[facebook.com/
KappaPhiMU?fref=ts](https://facebook.com/KappaPhiMU?fref=ts)

The Mansfield chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha (ΑΣΑ), Delta Epsilon, received the Aspire Award from its national organization.

The honor is given to sorority chapters that have shown a commitment to each other, their chapter and the national organization by upholding the high ideals of the sorority, which, according to their website, include inspiring women to lead, to serve and most of all to make a difference.

Lewisburg Corrections Officers Donate to MU Criminal Justice Administration

A team of corrections officers from U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg presented a \$5,000 check to the Mansfield University Foundation to support scholarships for Criminal Justice Administration (CJA)

majors at MU.

The four-man Lewisburg team recorded the fastest time in the Eric Williams Race for Justice relay race held on May 16 and could designate where their “winnings”

would be donated. The race was held at 13 sites across the nation to honor corrections officer Eric Williams, a Nanticoke native who was killed in the line of duty in 2013.

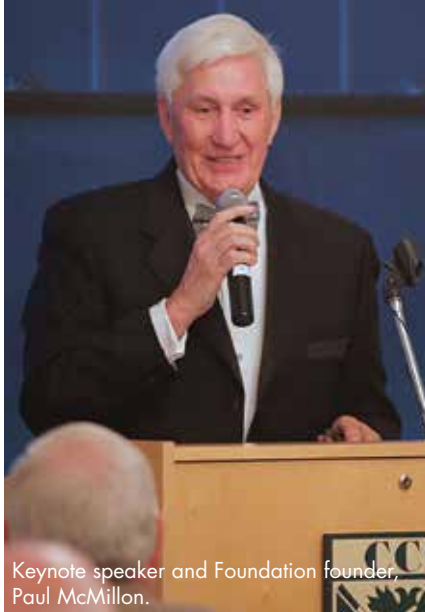
“This group was impressed with the quality of MU’s Criminal Justice program, as well as our Police Academy, and felt supporting MU students was a worthwhile investment and a fitting tribute to the memory of Eric Williams,” Mindy Engel, executive director of the Mansfield University Foundation said.

“On behalf of our entire university and the students who will benefit from this, thank you very much,” MU President Fran Hendricks said. “We’re very excited about the young men and women we’re producing that go into important careers in policing and corrections.”

To learn more about the CJA program at Mansfield, go to cja.mansfield.edu



(L-R) CJA Chair Josh Battin, MU President Fran Hendericks with Derek Waighen, Douglas Maiorana, Brandon Pealerm, Jason Finck, and Shawn Bartlett from the US Penitentiary at Lewisburg.



Keynote speaker and Foundation founder, Paul McMillon.



2015 Gala Success

One hundred and twenty donors attended this year's major donor gala in celebration of the Foundation's 40th anniversary at the Corning Country Club.

The Foundation provided over a half million dollars in scholarship funds this year alone and raised 1.2 million this past year in partnership with the campus. As an independent

non-profit organization, the Mansfield University Foundation helps to ensure that gifts will be used as donors intended and not be reallocated by the state.

MU60, supported by the Foundation, covered the event.

[youtube.com/watch?v=7Gqqn8o651g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Gqqn8o651g)



Gale Largey, Professor Emeritus and MU retiree
Chris Vaughn, MU Foundation Board of Directors

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Brittany Blair said, "I also received the Arlyne M. Garrity scholarship. It was a complete honor to be nominated for such a positive award. It made me realize how positivity and a great attitude toward others and your work isn't unrecognized, and it can go such a long way." Tyanna Roberts said, "Receiving an award at Com Day let me know my hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. It was a humbling reminder to keep pushing myself and continue to finish strong."

For Eibach, receiving the A. Vernon Lapps Scholarship was a great honor due to Dr. Lapps' commitment to everything in broadcasting. "Being awarded this scholarship has helped me realize that my dedication and hard work

with WNTE is not overlooked and is appreciated," he said.

Eibach served as engineer for WNTE from 2014-15, which included servicing station equipment, including the transmitter. He assisted faculty in the acquisition, installation, and financing of the new transmitter. Greg had an on-air presence with his own radio show, had an integral part in the station's music programming, worked very closely with general manager Matt Dishler throughout the year, and worked on getting WNTE noticed for national awards.

Three of the scholarship recipients (Austin Dragovich, Greg Eibach, and Cody Getz) are members of MU60--a team that

creates innovative 60-second video news blasts. MU60 is supported by gifts to the MU Foundation, which assist in the purchase of equipment that enables students to work in a real-world, pressured environment as part of a team. The experience they receive with MU60 enables them to take the academic information they learn in electronic media and business and professional communication classes and translate that into real-world experience.

MU60 offers the opportunity for almost 20 students to be involved in the production each semester. You can view MU60 by searching for YouTube MU60 or liking the Mansfield COMM page on Facebook.

Homecoming/Fabulous 1890S Weekend

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Homecoming/Fabulous 1890S Weekend

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CLASS NOTES

Share your professional achievements, personal accomplishments and life milestones with us so we can share them with your fellow Mounties.

ONLINE

- Go to alumni.mansfield.edu/classnotes
- You will be prompted to enter your login information.

1935

Alice Roberts Thurson is 102 years old and lives with her daughter in Florida. She has two grandchildren who graduated from Mansfield. Alice can be reached at 156 Portree Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698, fbhenkel@gmail.com

1939

Katheryn Karschner Ackerly can be reached at 245 Cowpath Rd, Souderton, PA 18964, ktybring@yahoo.com

1957

Phyllis Scarcell Marcus is working at a private school for international students. She is teaching English as a second language through reading comprehension.

1962

Barbara Gee Ball can be reached at 117 Weaver St, Lawrenceville, PA 16929. bball28@stny.rr.com

1966

Ron Markert has begun a five-year term as University Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Surgery at Wright State, Dayton OH. He is a former Association of American Medical Colleges Glaser Laureate, the nation's highest award for teaching excellence in US medical schools.

Chester Schickling is living at 10104 Day Lily Ct, Bradenton, FL 34212. chetjs@aol.com

1967

Gerry Boltz resides at 537 Sassafras Dr, Lebanon, PA 17042. gmb310@comcast.net

Dawne Berner Sensinger can be reached at 117 Tanbark Lane, PO Box 275, Tannersville, PA 18372

1969

James Kennedy returned to the US in February after a month in Antarctica where he studied the ecophysiology of aquatic insects as an International Collaborator with the Chile Antarctic Institute's 51st Antarctic Science Expedition. Jim is a Regents Professor of Biology at the U of North Texas and Universidad de Magallanes, Punta Arenas, Chile. He would like to hear from old friends at kennedy@unt.edu. He resides at 2010 Williamsburg Row, Denton, TX 76209.

1970

Aaron Grimm lives at 602 York La, Leesburg, VA 20175 and can be contacted at flamtap46@gmail.com.

Raymond Johnson, a retired educator, has published a book titled "My Rip Trip to the A&P: A Timeless Tale." He describes the book as "...a journey of self-discovery and everlasting truth." The book is available on Amazon at [www.amazon.com/My-Trip-Timeless- Andrew Johnson](http://www.amazon.com/My-Trip-Timeless-Andrew-Johnson).

Barbara Finnerty Loushay is owner of Young at Heart Voyages, a travel program accommodating Baby Boomers and students studying languages abroad for their degree programs. The web site is www.youngatheartvoyages.com. Barbara resides 4108 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Sebring, FL 33872. bloushay@yahoo.com

Cheryl Locascio Reesman can be contacted at reesmanwc@epix.net.

1972

Brent Ballard is living in Kennett Sq, PA and can be contacted at brentballard@comcast.net.

Frank Misiti, State College, PA, is a retired professor emeritus from the Dept. of Early Childhood & Elementary Ed at Bloomsburg U of PA. He earned MED and PhD from Penn State. Frank sends "greetings to all of my Phi Sigma Epsilon brothers!"

William Robertson published "Stories from the Olden Days," which takes the reader on a nostalgic ride back to the Baby Boom era of the 50s and 60s. Bill describes the book as a combination of Mad Magazine and "Cheaper By the Dozen." Some of the topics covered are Little League, tree houses, fights at school and a not-so-happy romance...fun from a time uninfected by political correctness. The book is available in paperback and as a Kindle, iPad, or Nook e-book.

1973

Harold Sweitzer has retired after 31 plus years as an environmental chemical tech with Evergreen Packaging in Canton, NC. halsweitzer@gmail.com.

1974

Diana Miller Corbit can be contacted at noahcat26@gmail.com

Joseph Malafarina resides in Boalsburg, PA. He is a retired educator from the Bellefonte (PA) Area SD (33 years), and is the New Music Director at Our Lady of Victory Church. joemal@aol.com

Gary Marshall, now owner of Marshall Tennis Academy, holds a Certified Professional-Level 2 designation from the US Professional Tennis Association.

Joseph Scartelli, PhD, has been appointed to the position of Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Radford U, VA. He was previously a professor of music (Music Therapy) and served as Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts for 25 years.

Melanie Becker Werley is living at 17 Kurt Dr, Mertztown, PA 19539. kupamom@aol.com

1975

Wanda Stevenson Ashby lives at 3180 Lark Dr, York, PA 17404. wanda@bethanyumcyork.org

Mary Chase Gee resides at 312 John St, Saint Marys, PA 15857. mom11mrsb10@yahoo.com

Galen Leitzel, PhD, is busy in the music field, serving as conductor and musical director of the Lyric Band of Hanover (PA), maintaining an active private studio, and serving as music caption chair for the National Judges Assoc., which is affiliated with the Tournament of Bands Assol Assoc.

John Procopio lives at 213 S Fairfax St, Alexandria, Va 22314. drjohnpro@gmail.com

1977

Mark Meschino is living at 2533 E Magnolia Dr, Gilbert, AZ 85298. mark@markmproductions.com

1978

Mark Galati lives at 3180 Compton Rd, Aurora, IL 60504. mgalati@interiorinvestments.com

Mark Hartman received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam. Mark just completed his 30th year teaching studio trombone, conducting the Crane Trombone Ensemble and performing with the Potsdam Brass Quintet and with the Orchestra of Northern New York as principal trombone. Mark lives at 447 River Rd, Postdam, NY 13676. hartmams@potsdam.edu

Stephen Shaud is living in Bath, PA and can be contacted at mustanggt685701@gmail.com

Christine Cairo Wirt retired after 32 years of public school education with Cumberland Valley SD, and Mechanicsburg SD, as teacher, literacy coach and reading specialist. Currently, she is a co-chair volunteer for a literacy event for the Mechanicsburg Area SD, volunteers at Hershey Medical Center, and mentors at-risk students. Chris and her husband Alan Wirt, PhD, have 4 children; Ryan, Ben, Dustin and Abbey. She would love to hear from classmates and still keeps in contact with many of her Mansfield roomies for a yearly weekend together - "always wonderful." cbwirt@yahoo.com

1979

Kathryn "Cat" (Tilley) Prichard, recently retired from the Athens Area School District after over 30 years of teaching multiple subjects, including reading and world history, from

elementary through the high school level. She would love to hear from her classmates and WNTE associates.

1980

Michael Remillard lives at 240 Granite St, Biddeford, ME 04005. He offers some advice: "To all incoming freshmen, work hard for a high semester average because your first undergraduate semester average sets your GPA. If your GPA starts off low, it gets more difficult to bring it up. Been there, done that." mtractor@gwi.net

1981

Nadine Prange Hook lives in Cochranville, PA. She can be contacted at plowboy4@epix.net

Thomas Vought has retired after 25 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a senior officer specialist working at USP Lewisburg and USP Allenwood. Thomas has made many visits to MU representing the FBP regarding employment opportunities as a participant in career fairs and the Senior Symposium. He is married, residing in Bloomsburg, PA, and involved in several volunteer community organizations. tv2@ptd.net

1982

Susan Nied Lee is living at 60 Bethel Hill Rd, Susquehanna, PA 18847. kljltl@nep.net

1983

Michael Dunsmore, PhD, was named superintendent of Wayne County Public Schools in Goldsboro, NC, the 19th largest school system in North Carolina with 20,000 students. He lives at 2001 E Royal Ave, Goldsboro, NC 27533. mikedunsmore@wcps.org

Kimberly Weatherill Flook

resides in Apache Junction, AZ.
kswinc20@hotmail.com

1984

Devin Brunges is living in Hawthorne, FL and can be contacted at brungesd@yahoo.com

1985

Catherine Lugg received the Jay D. Scribner Award from the University Council for Educational Administration in November 2014. This is a life-time achievement award for outstanding mentoring of junior scholars and professors. She resides in Belle Mead, NJ and can be reached at Catherine.lugg@gse.rutgers.edu

Carla Pipher Neveroff and her daughter were interviewed by the Pocono Record regarding their challenges living with a genetic bone disease called osteogenesis imperfecta, which can cause bones to break without warning or trauma. In the article, Carla mentions how she faced discrimination in everyday life, except when she came to Mansfield to earn her BSW. She said the skills that she learned in social work and advocating helped her and her daughter's lives. To read more: www.poconorecord.com/article/20159722/NEWS/150729812

1986

Lee Baker lives at 9111 80th Ave SW, Lakewood, WA 98498 and can be contacted at buckychio@aol.com.

Carol Wittig Porter is living at 2379 Hillside Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701. adopted2.carol@gmail.com

Patricia Frey Scheibeler is living in Montoursville, PA and can be reached at patty.scheibeler@gmail.com.

1987

Cynthia Thorp Academic Success Coach for the Student Success Center at Alfred State, was selected to present at the 34th annual Conference on the First-Year

Experience in Dallas in February. The conference provides an ongoing forum in which higher-education professionals may share experiences, concerns and accomplishments related to supporting student learning, development and success in the first college year.

1988

Mark Speck has a new book, "Wiffle, The Wild, Zany and Sometimes Hilariously True Story of the World Football League," now available on amazon.com and through the publisher, ST. Johann Press. "Wiffle" was exhibited at the North American Society for Sports History Conference in Miami and has received positive reviews in national publications such as Gridiron Greats magazine. Mark can be reached at mspeckhds@gmail.com

1989

Brenda Seymour Cibien is living in Brimfield, MA.

Michael Todd Ketterman

resides at 1865 Lilac Rd, York, PA. kkett19@aol.com

Douglas Orzolek, PhD,

associate professor and director of Graduate Programs in Music Education at St. Thomas U (MN), received the Minnesota Music Education Assoc. Hall of Fame Award in February. The award recognizes significant career contributions and service to music education in Minnesota.

1990

Michelle Grigas Nause can be contacted at mgnose@ptd.net.

1993

Katherine Moran Villone, a 4th grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School (Bergenfield SC), was selected from among 600 nominees in 50 states to receive a 2015 "LifeChanger of the Year" award which honors school employees for extraordinary contributions to their

communities. Katherine is New Jersey's first winner in the 4-year history of the contest, which names 10 winners each year and is administered by National Life Group, a financial services company based in Montpelier, VT.

1993

Christopher Czekaj is living in Matthews, NC and can be contacted at cczekaj@carolina.rr.com

1994

Rhonda Knapp Geyer can be contacted at brgeyer113@comcast.net.

1995

Laura Waterhouse Bissell is living in Dillsburg, PA. She can be reached at lbissell@nycsd.k12.pa.us

Eric Koski has been named the first account manager for Central New York Region, created by F.W. Process Controls Division's recent service expansion for industrial customers.

Alice Alyce Karns Reavis

can be contacted at aereavis@comcast.net

1996

Jenny Novak Kilmar can be contacted at jennykilmer@outlook.com.

Katie Asman McConnell resides in Palmyra, PA.

Roderick Nevin resides in Reading, PA and can be reached at rtnevin@comcast.net

1997

Jason Strunk has received a DMA fellowship in Choral Conducting at the prestigious Frost School of Music at the U of Miami. He and his husband, Anthony, are looking forward to an exciting new chapter and welcome friends to contact them. They live at 8861 SW 1142nd Ave, Miami, FL 33186. jason.cstrunk@gmail.com

1998

Daniel Ledebur, a teacher at Hydetown Elementary, PA was honored recently with the Golden Apple Award, presented by WJET-TV News Director Lou Baxter and Edinboro U of PA chair of the early childhood and reading department, Mary Jo Melvin. Daniel has a master's degree in educational leadership from Edinboro.

Michael Trowbridge lives in Idaho Falls, ID and can be contacted at bridge1035@gmail.com.

1999

Sandra Dempsey Boyer is living at 115 E Elm St, Emmaus, PA 18049. sandiboyer@yahoo.com

Earl Cottrell lives at 4482 47th St S, Unit 195, Fargo, ND 58104. He writes: "Greetings from North Dakota! Looking for a job? There are more jobs than there are people here in Fargo." earlco2tre2l@gmail.com

Jason Crundwell, was recently named the Director of Development at his alma mater The Catholic Community of Mansfield St. Peter's – in his hometown of Mansfield, Ohio. Jason will be responsible for supporting the mission of the Catholic Church of St. Peter's Parish and School by promoting philanthropic giving and financial support to ensure financial stability. St. Peter's School includes grades Pre-K through 12. Jason and Sandy '99 are in the process of relocating to Ohio from Indianapolis.

2000

Keren Miller Clark can be contacted at kerenc@ptd.net

Kristina Petersen, a former student-assistant in the MU sports information office and 4-year winner on the Mountaineer softball team, is the new primary football contact for Penn State Athletic Strategic

Communications. Kristina, who just completed her ninth season as the media relations contact for the Lady Lions basketball team, is the first female to serve as primary football contact for the Nittany Lions.

Kyle Williams and girlfriend Andrea welcomed twin boys, Camden Joseph and Carsen Robert, in April. "We are both proud of our two miracles," writes Kyle. The family is living in Athens, PA.

Joseph M.P. Zawisza, D.O. of Orwigsburg, PA, was re-elected to the board of trustees of the PA Osteopathic Medical Assoc., a state-wide organization for physicians holding the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

2003

Erin Delaney resides in Nanticoke, PA.

2004

Jaclyn Salerno Gebraad is living in Lancaster, PA.

Katie Mikeska and James Leraci were married in October 2014. Katie is an underwriter at State Farm Insurance and James is a professional percussionist and composer. The couple resides in Ridley Park, PA.

Molly Rahe Randall lives in Harrisburg, PA and can be contacted at molly@mollyrahemusic.com.

Timothy Stearns lives in Monmouth Junction, NJ and can be reached at tstearns@hertz.com.

2005

Jacob Burke wrote: "After 7 years as the Marketing Manager at La Tourelle Resort & August Moom Spa in Ithaca, NY, I have started a new job in Corning, NY as the Digital Marketing Manager at the Steuben County Conference & Visitors Bureau. If you are visiting

the Corning area, be sure to stop in the office, located at Centerway Square, and say hello."

Amanda Delbo resides in Reading, PA

Eric Griffin, was recently recognized by Cornell University for his exemplary teaching efforts. One of Eric's former high school students, who is one of Cornell's most outstanding seniors in the Class of 2015, selected Eric as the secondary teacher who has made the most significant contribution to his education. For this recognition, Eric was asked to participate in a panel discussion, reception, and luncheon at Cornell. Eric is Director of Bands at Corning Painted Post High School in NY.

Charee Grover is living in Upper Marlboro, MD. chareelgrover@gmail.com

Heather Long was recently honored as Pottstown (PA) Police Officer of the Year.

Amanda Woodard Smith resides in Waverly, NY

Natalie True is loving life in New Orleans. She owns her own health coaching business and works around the city as a music director/conductor. She also teaches choir part-time at a local elementary school. You can email Natalie for help with your health and fitness goals at natalietrue@gmail.com.

2007

Jennifer DeMillo Cornwell and husband Andrew bought their first home in October 2014. They are now living at 46 Center St, Waterloo, NY 13165. jcornwell@dor.org.

Bridget Irwin has accepted a promotion to Florida DOC's prison operated by The GEO Group in Graceville, FL. She is a transitional case manager in a continuum of

care program which is a pilot for an Australian prison operated by the company. Bridget hopes to travel to Australia to help roll out the program. She completed her master's degree in criminology from Indiana U of PA where she maintained a 4.0 her last semester. She is a member of the American Criminal Justice Asso. - Lambda Alpha Epsilon and encourages any brothers in good standing to contact her for networking. Bridget formally thanks Dr. Thornsley and Dr. Robarge for their hard work preparing her for her career. She writes: Hope all is well, wherever you both have settled!" Bridget lives at 1609 Adrian Rd, Dothan, AL 36303. b.m.irwin@aol.com

Olufemi Ogundele has accepted a position at Stanford as Assistant Dean of Admissions. Previously, Olufemi worked at Cornell as Associate Director of Diversity and Recruitment.

Jason Smith can be reached at PO Box 1736, Binghamton, NY. spiderman36us2001@yahoo.com

2008

Eric Bohannon, an MU football letterwinner and member of the Mountaineer sports information staff as an undergraduate, has been promoted to Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations at Old Dominion. Eric spent 2 years at Appalachian State as assistant in the athletic communications office prior to joining ODU in 2010.

David Wert is living in Westfield, PA.

Ruthanna Williams Wickham writes "I loved my time at MU! I wish I lived closer so I could stay involved. Over the years I've grown even closer with alumni that I didn't really know while I was there. I'm getting married 7-11-15 and I can't wait to see old MU friends that I haven't seen in years! I hope to get back and visit soon." She can be reached

at 237 Delaware Ave, Harrington, DE 19952. pianofann@msn.com

2009

Kellie Barbato Cliver has accepted her first faculty appointment as Outreach Librarian Assistant Professor at Roberts Wesleyan college in Rochester, her hometown. Kellie's address is PO Box 105, North Chili, NY 14514. kelliesings@gmail.com

Bryan Hoover is living in Chambersburg, PA and can be contacted at bosmu09@gmail.com

John Madas lives in East Stroudsburg, PA. He can be reached at johnmadas@gmail.com.

2010

Abby VanGorden Boka is living in Westfield, PA. acboka@gmail.com

Matt and Kelly Eckard Coppadge welcomed daughter Grace Adaline in March.

Shana Weiser is living in Mechanicsburg, PA and can be contacted at sweiser18@gmail.com.

2011

Kimberly Bennett, Social Work alumna, will be case manager for the new Grace House in Elmira NY. Grace House, affiliated with Saving Grace Ministries (Buffalo NY) is a new, transitional living facility for state prison parolees.

Angela Erickson can be contacted at ericksonam17@mounties.mansfield.edu.

Jesse Martins can be reached at mojemartins@gmail.com.

Alexander Slaughter can be reached at slaughteraj05@gmail.com

Nicholas Webb can be contacted at webbna10@gmail.com.

2012

Lucas Bailey and **Madeline Morse** '14 were married in May.

Nana Ama Kwarteng Baryeh

is the new Food Supplement Nutrition Education project leader for the U of Maryland Extension - Kent County, as well as nutrition educator for Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties. Nana, originally from Ghana, West Africa, recently completed her master's in human nutrition as well as a minor in counseling and guidance at Texas State.

Brianna Erdmann is living in Troy, PA and can be contacted at brileigh12@live.com

Lindsey Bailey Ford

of Nicholson, PA writes, "So proud to be a Mansfield Nursing Graduate for my Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Lindsey was married in October 2014 and recently became Nursing Magnet Program Director of Geisinger Wyoming Valley in Wilkes Barre, PA. lebailey3@yahoo.com

Sarah Taylor resides in Danville, PA and can be reached at Taylorse01@mounties.mansfield.edu

Matt Westgate lives at 14 Church St, Candor, NY 13743. westgatem518@gmail.com

Dillan and Jessica Hojer Zellers welcomed a daughter, Phoebe Grace, in March.

2013

Lindsay Andrus and John Patton were married in June.

Rebecca Martz is living in Chambersburg, PA and can be contacted at rebecca.martz@casdonline.org.

John Van Valkenburg now has his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is living at 211 N Buffalo St., Elkland, PA. firefigher382008@yahoo.com

2014

Dora Collier lives in Harrisburg, PA and can be contacted at doracollier@rocketmail.com.

2015

Dan Cwieka is living in Hackettstown, NJ.

Colleen Dempsey, a former student-assistant in the MU sports information office, has accepted a position as assistant director of athletic communications at The Sage Colleges in Albany, NY. Colleen, who was a 4-year letter winner on the women's soccer team, was a key member of the SI staff for 5 years while pursuing a dual major in organizational communications and political science with a minor in public relations.

Anthony Renz has been promoted to the top league in independent baseball, signing with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association. Anthony batted .383 over a 16-game span with the Las Vegas Train Robbers of the Pecos League. The first baseman totaled 114 runs and 14 RBI's with five doubles and three home runs. He hit safely in 13 of 14 games and recorded nine multi-hit games for the Robbers.

FRIENDS

The National Science Foundation Administers Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. **Susan Higley** recently received this prestigious award for her career in teaching grades 7-12 mathematics and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) classes for nine years at Hughesville (PA) Jr/Sr High School. Previously, she taught 12 years in Cecil County, MD. Susan received her secondary mathematics certification from MU in 1994.

In Memoriam

Alumni

Margaret Brainard Pitcher '31
Genevieve Allyn Arey '34
Ruthadel Zinck Houseknecht '34
Norma Strait Howland '36
Helen Harris McQueen '37
Eleanor Ross Churchill '42
Audrey Griffiths Baynes '42
Ardath Davidheiser Yoder '42
Ruth Stebbins Mudge '43
Jean Buck Howe '44
Florence Singley Michael '44
Elaine Austin Flindt '45
Mae Beach Martin '45
Bernice L. Roupp '45
Eileen Leonard Ahl '46
Dolores Collins Cullen '48
Albert L. Smith '49
William E. Conwell '50
Eleanor Kithcart Robinson '50
Nancy Fray Rossbacher '51
Glenn G. Stover '52
James G. Marshall '53
Edward F. Zaboski '54
Doris Cole Earley '57
Rose Marie Dobrosielski '59
Paul "Bud" Malakin '59
Janice Brennan Sterling '59
Irene Vought Cleveland '60
William Brooks '61
Janet Louise Smith '61
Carol E. Kuehner '62
Manny Smigel '62

Mary Jane Fetterolf Smith '64
Charles "Chizzy" Bartol '66
Paul S. Griffiths '66
Ruth Ann Oliver Kneiss '66
Jayne Schroeder Manzer '67
Robert P. McGraw '67
John E. Bender '69
Patricia H. Gudz '69
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Ronald J. Meinhart '71
Dominick P. Pannunzio '71
Carmine J. Cillo '72
Lisa A. Kulp '72
Marilyn A. Mitros '72
Mary Welch Rich-Williams '72
Sandra Barrett Grover '73
Robert A. Shelinski '73
Paula Mikolajczyk Ballard '74
Kathy Trout Cree '74
William J. Shedden III '74
Michael A. Josbena '76
Raymond R. Stella '77
Samuel G. High '83
Christine Curran McDaniel '84
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Michael A. Pagnotti '88
Catherine Funk Tefertiller '93
Diane McCarthy Cantellops Place '94
Linda J. Welles '96
Timothy E. Hanson '97

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